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DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS**Elected Officers****Moderator**

Robert L. Eckert

Selectmen

George J. Stevens Ralph L. Buzzell Hazen M. Emery

Board of Public Welfare

Hazen M. Emery Marion A. Haskell Jean S. Stuart

Assessors

George P. Hardie Term expires 1959

Frank M. Hargraves Term expires 1960

Alvin F. Heath Term expires 1961

Arthur H. Deuplisea To fill vacancy caused by resignation
of Frank Hargraves.**Town Clerk**

C. Howard Phillips

Tax Collector

Wilfred G. Journeay Term expires 1961

Town Treasurer

Roy C. Journeay

Municipal Light Commissioners

Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1959
Robert C. Young	Term expires 1960
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1961

Municipal Water Commissioners

Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1959
Robert C. Young	Term expires 1960
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1961

School Committee

Virginia H. Webster	Term expires 1959
Carl G. Olson	Term expires 1959
Frederick N. Sweetsir	Term expires 1960
Kenneth G. Fowle	Term expires 1960
Irving G. Blake	Term expires 1961

Trustees of Cemetery

Merrill B. Smith	Term expires 1959
Arthur R. Clark	Term expires 1960
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1961

Trustees of Public Library

Barbara N. Adams	Term expires 1959
Charles M. Tibbetts	Term expires 1959
Olive S. Wilde	Term expires 1960
Burnell S. O'Brien	Term expires 1960
Alvin F. Heath	Term expires 1961
Robert L. Eckert	Term expires 1961

Trustees of Kimball Park

Gordon A. Rines	Term expires 1959
Arthur L. Douglass	Term expires 1960
Maurice Carey	Term expires 1960

Playground Commission

Merrill B. Smith	Term expires 1959
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1960
Arthur R. Cloyd	Term expires 1961
Maurice Carey	Term expires 1962
George J. P. Stevens	Term expires 1963

Constables

George R. Buzzell	Ronald C. Sarasin
	Albert W. Lord

Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood and Bark

Edson Walker	Ralph L. Buzzell
	Richard E. Sargent

Tree Warden

Harold K. Joralmont

Civil Service Tenure Chief of Police

*Alexander M. Sullivan

*Tenure of office for incumbent

Planning Board

Russell E. Kershaw	Term expires 1959
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1960
Allan B. MacGregor	Term expires 1961
Russell B. Kelly	Term expires 1962
Peter F. Smiles	Term expires 1963

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Night Watchman

Fred A. Smith, Constable

Special Police Officers

Clarence O. Libby (Honorary)	Leon L. Dow
Ronald C. Sarasin	George R. Buzzell
John F. McCarron	James L. Howe (Grange Hall)
Harold M. Waterhouse (Cattle Crossing)	Albert W. Lord
George J. P. Stevens	Merrill B. Smith
John P. Gilmore (Pumping Station)	
Harold Mooney (Light & Water Dept.)	Kenneth E. Haskell (School)
George Keller (Light & Water Dept.)	Maurice Carey
Robert K. Silvia	William J. Burns
Beulah M. Mitchell	Gordon J. Roberts
Mrs. Frances N. Frazier	Carl G. Olson
Joseph Gilmore (School Crossing)	Robert H. Adams
Harold Joralmont (Tree Work)	Thomas Chaff

Sworn Weighers

George L. Sargent	Ralph L. Buzzell
David Stewart	Wallace Spencer
E. Palmer Sargent	Sadie Spencer

Fence Viewers

E. Palmer Sargent

William J. Battis

Inspectors of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

John A. Hutchins

Inspector of Wiring

Ulysses N. Corson

Moth Superintendent

Harold Joralmor

Burial Agent

Charles J. Vincent

Veterans Service Officer

Charles J. Vincent

Town Forest Committee

S. C. Doust	Term expires 1959
Richard Sargent	Term expires 1960
Harold Joralmor	Term expires 1961

Registrars of Voters

C. Howard Phillips James P. Flynn

George Gulezian *Edward G. Greeley

*To fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mr. Hume.

Janitor of Town Hall

Guy Sheldon

Veterans Agent

Ralph L. Buzzell

Agent of the Board of Health

*W. Harold Whiting

*H. Pearle Whiting to fill vacancy caused by resignation of W. Harold Whiting.

Superintendent of Streets

Albert W. Lord

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Merrill B. Smith

Dog Officer

Robert A. Smith

Health Nurse

Cecile Sargent

Custodian of Dump

James H. Hull

Town Accountant

*H. Pearle Whiting

*To fill vacancy caused by resignation of W. Harold Whiting.

Director of Civil Defense

Russell C. Harrington

Forest Fire Warden

George R. Buzzell

Engineers of Fire Department

George R. Buzzell

John H. Hughes

Richard J. Powers

Election Officers

Mary D. Flynn

Mellisa Buzzell

Mary E. Flynn

Marjorie Staples

Mary F. Casazza

Alfreda Lovell

Elaine Noone

Grace Clark

Mable Dressler

Edna Harrington

Nora Dwyer

Irene M. Hamel

Mary Cheney

Marie A. Kelly

Beatrice Boone

Evelyn Greeley

Margaret E. Gilmore

Anna George

Sabina Weeks

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency fire alarm telephone number 6-2211

Emergency phone 6-2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and exact location of fire.

- 3-3 Chief's Call.
4 Mass. N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.
5 Merrimac Square.
12 Locust St., corner of Green St.
13 Main St., Opposite Forrest St.
14 Main St., near residence of William H. Franklin.
15 Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line.
16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
17 School and Pleasant Sts.
18 School and Mill Sts.
21 East Main St., opposite Skip's Snack Bar.
23 East Main St., near residence of John P. Gilmore.
24 Church St., opposite Maple St.
25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
26 Summer and Prospect Sts.
27 Church St., near residence of Richard Powers.
28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
31 Pleasant St., Merrimacport.
32 Merrimac St., near Middle Road.
34 Merrimac St., Merrimacport.
35 High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry.
36 Merrimac and Broad Sts., Merrimacport.
41 Lower East Main St., Lake Attitash entrance.
42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Ave.
51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
52 Lower Locust St., to Merrimac - Haverhill Line.
62 Birch Meadow Rd., and Hadley District, Tel. No Box.

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- 71 Bear Hill Rd. to Newton, N. H. Line. Tel. No Box.
72 West Shore, Lake Attitash. Tel. No Box.
74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash. Tel. No Box.
No Box — Call 6-2211
2 Recall — All Out — Also All Clear Air Raid.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 A. M. 11—11—11— No school all day.

11:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school in grades seven and eight.

Air Raid Warning

YELLOW ALERT (Warning) 7

RED ALERT (Take Cover) 7-7

WHITE ALERT (All Clear) 1-1

CD instructions and All Clear will also be broadcast over Conelrad 640 and 1240 on your radio dial.

Merrimac is located in Area 1, Sector 1G.

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the calender year beginning July 1, 1958 has been prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4 of the General Laws and adopted June 10, 1958.

Wardell E. Acheson	Pleasant St.	Boxboard
	Haverhill Boxboard Co.	Haverhill, Mass.
Wilfred A. Allen	Lake Attitash	Cutter
	Engel Lewis Co.	Merrimac, Mass.
Andrew Anderson	17 W. Main St.	Western Elec.
	Western Electric	No. Andover, Mass.

Howard E. Anderson, Sr.	1 Billings Rd.	Machinist
	Clayman Shoe	Haverhill, Mass.
Bruno S. Arcisz	1 Belmore Rd.	Supervisor
	Western Electric	No. Andover, Mass.
Frank D. Atwood	32 Summer St.	Television Tech.
	Self-employed	Merrimac, Mass.
Alfred M. Bailey	13 W. Main St.	Retired
		Merrimac, Mass.
Avon J. Beauvais	10 Prospect Hill	Woodheeler
	Russell Wood Heel	Plaistow, N. H.
Richard S. Beckford	35 W. Main St.	Electrician
	Self-employed	Merrimac, Mass.
Richard V. Beebe	Highland Rd.	Molder
	Engle Lewis Co.	Merrimac, Mass.
William Bickford	24 Union St.	Diamond Match
		Amesbury, Mass.
Armand Bisson	Burnside Lane	Shoe Worker
		Amesbury, Mass.
Irvine G. Burbeck	21 E. Main St.	Electrician
	Self-employed	Merrimac Mass.
Lester D. Chipman	63 Church St.	Woodheeler
	N. E. Wood Heel	Amesbury, Mass.
Alva W. Clark	110 River Rd.	Layout Operator
	Western Electric	Haverhill, Mass.
Harold Daniels	Winter St.	Plumber
	Wm. Franklin Corp.	Merrimac, Mass.
Lucille S. Deas	8 Vendome St.	Secretary
	Wm. Franklin Corp.	Merrimac, Mass.
Horace A. Fairbanks	10 Vendome St.	Gas Station
Jessie E. Gleed	W. Main St.	Mechanic
		Bailey Co.
		Amesbury, Mass.
John H. Hughes	11 Winter St.	Mechanic
	Mass. North. Trans. Co.	Merrimac, Mass.
Harold C. Lamb	3 Abbott St.	Maintenance Man

John H. O'Brien, Jr.	99 River Rd.	Wool Dealer Boston, Mass.
John C. Whooley	14 Adams St. Mass. North. Trans. Co.	Bus Driver Merrimac, Mass.
Charles E. Sande	21 Union St. Carl G. Olson	Carpenter Merrimac, Mass.
Sam S. Scherbon	29 Hadley Rd. Self-employed	Farmer Merrimac, Mass.
George Sewall	65 E. Main St. N. E. Wood Heel Co.	Laborer Amesbury, Mass.
Arthur E. Sharp	32 High St. Self-employed	Grain Store Owner Haverhill, Mass.
Francis J. Sloban	12 Green St. Sloban Auto Body	Metal Worker Haverhill, Mass.
James H. Christie	12 Vendome St. Western Electric	Supervisor Haverhill, Mass.
C. Lester Sweeney	33 Church St. Self-employed	Salesman Merrimac, Mass.
Fred L. Spencer	Abbott St. Davis & Furber	Machinist No. Andover, Mass.
Bernard A. Morgan	Pleasant St.	Mechanic Merrimac, Mass.
Forest M. Lavallee	E. Main St.	Liquor Dealer Merrimac, Mass.
Arthur H. Deuplisea	Bear Hill Rd.	Diamond Match Amesbury, Mass.
	George P. Stevens	
	Hazen M. Emery	
	Ralph L. Buzzell	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The eighty third annual report of the Town of Merrimac is herewith presented for your consideration in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 49, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Board organized for the year 1958 as follows:

Chairman	George P. Stevens
Clerk	Hazen M. Emery
Member	Ralph L. Buzzell

The Board organized as a Board of Health and Veterans' Benefits with the same officers. Mr. Stevens was appointed Veterans' Agent, and W. Harold Whiting was appointed Agent of the Board of Health. During the year, due to ill health, Mr. Whiting was forced to resign as Town Accountant and Agent of Board of Health and a temporary appointment was given Mrs. Gertrude C. MacKenzie. At a later date Mrs. H. Pearle Whiting was given a permanent appointment as Town Accountant and Agent of the Board of Health.

This Board has tried in all ways to conduct all their duties in as an efficient manner as was possible and to spend the money appropriated for the purpose that the Town voted.

Thanks are again extended to the Bureau of Accounts, all other State branches for their help in the past year, the Town Accountant, and all other officials who have helped and cooperated this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE P. STEVENS
HAZEN M. EMERY
RALPH L. BUZZELL
Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac

APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1958

March 4, 1958

Gentlemen:

I submit the following list of appropriations made at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Merrimac, for the year 1958, held on March 3, 1958:

Article 3 - Elective Officers

Moderator	\$ 12.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Selectmen - Chairman	325.00
Selectmen - Clerk	200.00
Selectmen - Member	150.00
Board of Public Welfare - Chairman	200.00
Board of Public Welfare - Clerk	200.00
Board of Public Welfare - Member	100.00
Assessors - Chairmen	410.00
Assessors - Clerk	385.00
Assessors - Member	335.00
Tax Collector	2,200.00
Tree Warden Department	1,400.00
Municipal Light Commissioners three @ \$50.00 each	150.00
Municipal Water Commissioners three @ \$50.00 each	150.00
Treasurer	750.00

Article 4 - Expenses

Selectmen's Departmental Expenses	400.00
Town Accountant Salary	3,380.00
Town Accountant Expenses	725.00
Treasurer's Expenses	500.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	700.00
Assessor's Expenses	1,000.00
Town Clerk Expenses	300.00

Registrar's of Voters - Chairman Salary	100.00
Registrar's of Voters - three other members @ \$50.00 each	150.00
Janitor Town Hall Salary	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs	200.00
Bonding Town Officers	500.00
Election Officers	400.00
Police Department	10,600.00
Fire Engineers - Salary Chief	300.00
Fire Engineers - Salary Clerk	200.00
Fire Engineers - Salary Member	150.00
Fire Department	4,800.00
Sealer of Weights and Measurers Salary	150.00
Sealer of Weights and Measurers Expenses	35.00
Inspector of Wiring Salary	90.00
Inspector of Wiring Expenses	5.00
Dog Officer Fees	150.00
Moth Department	869.00
Town Forest	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00
Board of Health	1,500.00
Health Nurse Salary and Expense	1,900.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	100.00
Inspector of Animals Expense	5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering Salary	20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering Expense	5.00
Inspector of Milk Salary	20.00
Inspector of Milk Expense	5.00
Snow and Washouts	13,000.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	1,200.00
Rocks Bridge	1,250.00
Street Lights	6,867.00
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00

Old Age Assistance	45,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00
School Department	127,557.21
Public Library	2,000.00
Memorial Day	400.00
Vocational Aid	4,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings	732.70
Insurance	5,200.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Interest	7,500.00
Cemetery	4,000.00
Vital Statistics	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	585.00
Printing Town Reports	720.00
Article 7 Playground	2,300.00
Article 9 Tax Title Possessions - Repairs	100.00
Article 10 Thickly settled streets	1,000.00
Article 11 Registrars Expense - Chapter 427 and 440	650.00
Article 13 Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Article 15 Town Hall Repairs, In On Or Around	500.00
Article 17 Chapter 81 Highway Construction	5,450.00
Article 18 Veterans Service Officer Salary	500.00
Article 19 Veterans Service Officers Expenses	250.00
Article 20 Essex County Retirement Board	6,709.22
Article 21 Water Maintenance and Operation	24,000.00
Article 22 Welfare Agent Salary	3,500.00
Article 23 Legion quarters rental	300.00
Article 24 Dutch Elm Disease control	2,000.00
Article 25 School construction notes	17,000.00
Article 26 Dog Officer Salary	100.00
Article 27 Civil Defense	500.00

Article 28	Salary - Instructors of supervised play	675.00
Article 29	Christmas Parade, Lighting, other expense	300.00
Article 30	Merrimac portion Pentucket Regional School District Bugdet for 1958	78,219.12
Article 31	Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Article 32	Planning Board Expense	300.00
Article 34	Maintenance of Dump	1,000.00
Article 36	Expense for Building Code	25.00
Article 38	New Police Cruiser	2,200.00
Article 40	New wells	5,000.00
Article 41	Extend light service from Birch Meadow Rd. to Heath Rd.	1,914.60
Article 42	Install water main from Bear Hill Rd. to Lake Attitash, to property of Gustave DeKeyser, Frank M. Hargraves, Francis Smith and Russell S. Kaskiewicz	11,298.27
Article 43	Erect street lights, Bear Hill and Harriman Rds., Harriman and Brush Rd. and in front of property of Edwin M. Tammick, Brush Hill Rd.	500.00
Article 44	New hose for Fire Department	500.00
Article 45	Special equipment for Fire Department	500.00
Article 48	Board of Appeals expense	50.00
Article 49	Surface drain - William Battis property	1,750.00
Total Money Appropriated		\$448,869.12

Respectfully submitted,
C. HOWARD PHILLIPS

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Merrimac, I herein submit my annual report of the Department for the year 1958.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Complaints Investigated	649
Messages Delivered	202
Accidents (at Home and Automobile)	62
Articles and Animals, reported lost	98
Missing Persons reported	24
Assistance to other Departments	84
Assistance to Ill and Injured	48
Ambulance Assistance	22
Funeral Escorts	26
Doors and Windows found open and secured	112
Poles or Wires down, reported	9
Lights left on, Stores and Public Buildings	67
Reports of Fires investigated, alarms answered	30
Number of Assignments of Officers	298
Summons served for other Departments	60
Days at District Court (Chief)	47
Days at Superior Court (Chief)	3
Days at District Court (Officers)	19
Days at Superior Court (Officers)	1

NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1958

Female -- Resident	2
Male -- Resident	19
Male -- Non-Resident	47
For other Departments	60
Total	128

Crimes against the Person	6
Crimes against Property	14
Crimes against Public Order, etc.	72
Total	92

Restitution was made in several Property damage cases, as a result of Juvenile Vandalism without arrests.

In some cases complaints were not considered because of the extreme youth of the defendants.

The sum of \$1,000.00 is to be requested at the Annual Town Meeting for the employment of a part time clerk to make reports and keep records while at the same time answer calls at the station while the Chief is out on traffic or investigations. Every year more reports are demanded by all branches of the government and requires time that should be used in investigating various cases. This spare time clerk may or may not be a police officer. However he or she will be able to contact an officer by phone from the station.

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor, Judge Martin F. Connelly, the Associate Justices, the Clerk of Courts, the Probation Officer, Officers of the Department and Auxiliary Police, Superintendents of Light, Street and School Departments and the Citizens of the Town for their Co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1958.

Number of alarms	37
Fire loss	\$17,885.00
Deaths by fire	1

The efficiency of the department has been greatly increased this past year with the aid of two way radio communication. Two mobile units were installed in the two large trucks and a third, a portable, being used on the third truck or wherever necessary.

We wish to thank all Town Officials and citizens for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. BUZZELL, Sr.

RICHARD J. POWERS

JOHN P. GILMORE

Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES 1958

Town of Merrimac;

Merrimac, Mass.

To the Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1958.

Inspection of Entrance Changes	20
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Resident Inspection	58
New Service Inspection	79
Out Door Signs	3
Oil Burner Inspection	26

I wish to thank Mr. Harold Mooney, Manager Electric Light Department, Fire Chief George Buzzell, and the Citizens of the Town for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ULYSSES N. CORSON

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1958.

The Board was organized this year as follows:

Chairman, Frank M. Hargraves
 Clerk, Alvin F. Heath
 Member, George P. Hardie

Mr. Frank M. Hargraves resigned as of December 1, 1958, and Mr. Arthur H. Deuplisea was appointed to fill the position for the rest of the year.

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the town which was used in computing the 1958 tax rate of \$56.00.

1958 RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$484,993.72
Overlay Deficits	517.88
State Parks & Reservations	1,350.27

State Audit of Accounts	1,517.74
County Tax	8,005.12
T. B. Hospital Assessment	4,160.18
Underestimates for 1957	1,518.15
Overlay for 1958	16,277.24
 Total Amount to be Raised	 \$518,340.30

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 38,120.31
Corporation Taxes	9,223.35
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,884.24
Motor Vehicle Excise	31,517.65
Licenses	3,900.50
Fines	139.00
General Government	1,996.00
Protection of Person & Property	96.50
Health & Sanitation	264.00
Charities	3,503.01
Old Age Assistance	34,045.38
Veteran's Services	916.10
Schools	10,742.35
Libraries	128.94
Public Service Enterprise	18,520.12
Cemeteries	2,405.50
State Assistance for School Const.	10,992.71
Available Funds	62,991.60
Interest	1,242.21
Farm Animal Excise	198.34
Overestimates for 1957	
 TOTAL ESTIMATES RECEIPTS	 \$232,827.81

	TAX RATE: \$56.00 per M
Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$285,512.49
Poll Taxes	1,518.00
Personal Property Taxes	15,670.77
Real Estate Taxes	268,323.72
 TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED	 \$285,512.49

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Value of Real Estate	\$4,791,495.00
Value of Personal Property	279,835.00
Number of Polls	759
Value of Automobiles	744,520.00
Number of Automobiles	1709
Number of Horses	18
Number of Cows	257
Number of other animals	179
Number of Fowles	4890
Number of Houses	952
Number of acres of Land	4108

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. HARDIE

ARTHUR H. DEUPLISEA

ALVIN F. HEATH

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit herewith my report as Collector of Taxes for the year 1958.

Detailed listing of cash receipts and outstanding taxes will be found in the table of accounts.

Increase in the number of tax takings, increased Registry Fees and postal rate increase have made necessary the request for an increase in the appropriation for the Collector's expense account.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEAY

Collector of Taxes

**REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR 1958**

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Playground Commission wish to make the following report for the year of 1958:

The Tennis Courts were resurfaced this year to correct a settled place in the court, this was done at no expense to the town by the Rock Asphalt Co. of Haverhill. The courts were lined out by Mr. Ed. Noone and the nets were installed to open the courts for play.

Haverhill Chain Link Fence Co. finished the high fence around the area and installed the gates. We regret the fact we were obliged to lock the gates at times. The steel cables were broken in the nets at two different times.

The area we readied for the picnic site was taken by the state for the new road.

The Baseball Diamond in the large field saw a lot of play this year as the new town team under the Management of Forrest LaValley had a good year. The field was kept in good form this year. With all the rain it kept very green up to November and took a lot of extra mowing.

The Little League Field was in fine shape also and saw a lot of activity with the Little League and Supervised Play Teams and a lot of people seemed to enjoy the facilities we have there.

The small bleachers were purchased from the Boosters Club this year and are now the property of the Play-ground Commission.

Thank you,

M. B. SMITH

H. D. LAY

A. R. CLOYD

G. P. STEVENS

M. A. CAREY

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

December 30, 1958

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1958:

BIRTHS

Number of Births recorded	71
Males	39
Females	32
Father, Native Born	70
Mother, Native Born	66
Father and Mother, both Native Born	66
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	5

MARRIAGES

Number of Marriages recorded	37
First marriage of Groom	25
First marriage of Bride	29
Grooms, Native Born	37
Brides, Native Born	37
Grooms, Foreign Born	0
Brides, Foreign Born	0
Average age of Groom	30 years, 1 month, 16 days
Average age of Bride	25 years, 2 months, 3 days

DEATHS

Number of Deaths recorded	39
Males	21
Females	18
Under 5 years	3

Males, Native Born	18
Females, Native Born	14
Of Native Parentage	21
Of Mixed Parentage	13
Average Age	67 years, 3 months, 13 days
Oldest person	95 years

LICENSES

Number of Dogs Licensed	224
Males	204
Females	18
Kennel Licenses	2
Sporting Licenses Issued	287
Minors Sporting Licenses Issued	32

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS

Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1958

Estimates for Ensuing Year

Gross Expense of Operating \$ 27,300.00

Estimated Income

Water Rates	\$ 30,000.00
Misc. Income	2,500.00

\$ 32,500.00

Expended for Construction

West Shore Extension	\$ 11,291.22
New Wells	4,991.83

	\$ 16,283.05

Expended for Maintenance

Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 6,411.79
Power & Fuel	4,098.92
Station Wages & Expense	4,104.60
Salary of Supt.	2,154.20
Office Salary	1,470.00
Office Expense	509.94
Truck Expense	574.54
Water Meters	674.66

	\$ 19,998.65
Debt	\$ 4,000.00

Total Expended for Maint. & Debt	\$ 23,998.65

Monthly Pumping Report

	Gallons Pumped	Hours Pumped
January	10,550,000	258
February	9,240,000	229
March	10,090,000	250
April	10,860,000	260
May	11,130,000	269
June	13,890,000	334
July	14,400,000	350
August	14,920,000	364

September	.....	12,210,000	303
October	.....	11,330,000	284
November	.....	10,330,000	257
December	.....	10,860,000	274
	
		139,810,000	3432

Water Estimated Receipts

Town Appropriation	.....	\$ 24,000.00	.....
		.....	\$ 24,000.00
Water Revenue Collected	.....	24,002.46	
Water Misc. Collected	.....	1,377.91	
		.....	\$ 25,380.37
Revenue in excess of Appropriation			\$ 1,380.37
		
			\$ 25,380.37

Balance Sheet

Accounts Receivable:

Rates	.....	\$ 756.92	
Misc.	.....	379.24	
		.....	\$ 1,136.16
Revenue Reserved Until Collected			\$ 1,136.16

ULYSSES N. CORSON

ROBERT C. YOUNG

HENRY D. LAY, Jr.

Board of Water Commissioners

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL
LIGHT BOARD**

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their fifty fourth Annual Report for the fiscal year 1958.

Estimate of Expenses

Gross Expense of Operating	\$ 90,000.00
Depreciation (3% on \$195,037.44)	5,851.12

Estimated Income

From Private Consumers	\$106,000.00
From Municipal Buildings	847.39
From Street Lights	7,399.83

Cost of Construction

Substation Equipment	\$ 36,112.33
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead	
Conductors	83,155.38
Meters	17,672.66
Transformers	35,304.72
Street Light Equipment	7,717.58
Transportation Equipment	10,555.76
New Structure	4,519.01
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	\$195,037.44

Expended for Operating Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased	\$ 61,713.21
Station Wages	974.98
Meter & Transformer Operation	272.40
Maintenance Trans. & Dist. Lines	13,759.47
Operation & Maint. Street Lights	464.05

Commercial Salaries & Expense ...	3,658.56
Salary of Manager	2,958.18
Office Salary	1,910.00
General Office Supplies & Expense	1,207.94
Insurance	864.11
Transportation Expense	802.84
Misc. Expense	673.37

	\$ 89,259.11

Expended for Construction

Construction & Materials	\$ 11,380.37
Meters	1,180.49
Transformers	1,590.15
Heath Road & Harriman Road	1,744.81

	\$ 15,895.82
Debt	\$ 2,000.00 2,000.00
Refund on Consumer's Deposits ...	360.00 360.00
Depreciation Deposited in Savings Bank	5,547.08 5,547.08

	\$ 23,802.90
Total Expenditures	\$113,062.01

Balance Sheet

Const. & Operating Fund

January 1, 1958 \$ 10,392.61

Consumer's Deposit Fund

January 1, 1958 418.08

Depreciation Fund

January 1, 1958 28,675.96

Received from Light &

Power Sales 105,710.02

Received from Misc. Sales 591.70

Received from Town Appropriations 7,599.70

Interest Income	866.71
Consumer's Deposits	615.00
Appropriation for Construction	2,414.60

	\$157,284.38
Construction, Materials and	
Renewals	\$ 15,895.82
Maintenance & Operating Expense	89,259.11
Debt	2,000.00
Consumers Deposits Refunded	360.00
Depreciation Fund	35,089.75
Construction & Operating Fund	
December 31, 1958	6,464.83
Consumer's Deposit Fund	
December 31, 1958	678.08
Heath Road Appropriation	669.79
Transferred to Town	6,867.00

	\$157,284.38

ULYSSES N. CORSON
ROBERT C. YOUNG
HENRY D. LAY, Jr.

The Municipal Light Board

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby report that, I have caught confined and disposed of dogs as set forth below.

MALE

March 10, 1958	\$ 8.00
May 25, 1958	8.00
May 26, 1958	8.00
May 26, 1958	8.00
June 9, 1958	8.00
June 9, 1958	8.00
June 9, 1958	8.00
August 25, 1958	8.00
August 31, 1958	2.00
September 2, 1958	8.00
September 2, 1958	8.00
September 8, 1958	12.00
September 29, 1958	12.00
November 26, 1958	12.00
December 20, 1958	12.00
December 21, 1958	12.00

FEMALE

February 24, 1958	\$ 8.00
February 24, 1958	8.00
April 14, 1958	8.00
May 19, 1958	8.00
August 4, 1958	8.00
September 3, 1958	8.00
September 20, 1958	12.00
September 29, 1958	12.00
October 7, 1958	12.00
November 8, 1958	12.00
November 23, 1958	12.00

I have also returned several dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. SMITH

Dog Officer

**REPORT of the SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES
for the year 1958**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the town:

I wish at this time to thank the Merchants of the town for the help in carrying out the work of this Dept.

Also the oil men for the co-operation in the test of the Meters and trucks of the oil business.

We have a new bulk plant at the old Depot Site that has meters for wholesale of oil now in operation.

We also have a Storage Plant at the Coal pocket. The Large Scale at the coal office has been rebuilt this past year.

Thank you,

MERRILL B. SMITH

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The New seeded surface at the Lower Corner Cemetery came along fine this year and was mowed and kept up.

We feel the Lower Corner Cemetery is now a credit to the town as it is one of the oldest Cemeteries around this section and receives many visitors passing through town.

As reported last year, we are handling cement grave liners which we have been paying for out of our appropriations and turning the money over to the town treasurer. This leaves us short on our funds for our regular work. We have asked for an addition of \$1,000.00 to help take care of this, and the setting of footings, for the cement sand and labor.

The lowering device and greens that we bought a year ago have paid for themselves twice over so far.

The airhammer and compressor has almost paid for itself, but since the money for these things come out of our regular app., we do not have it to use for our regular work. Two new sections were seeded and graded this year, making more mowing and care in the regular work.

For every liner we use the town receives in return almost enough to pay the extra man used in the digging and burial, but we have to pay him out of our regular app., we cannot use this money.

It was extremely wet this year and we got a good grass crop which used more labor to try to keep up with it. Leaves were heavy and very wet this fall, most of them had to be hauled away, too wet to burn. This takes more time and labor.

Thank you,

HENRY D. LAY, Chairman

MERRILL B. SMITH, Clerk

R. A. CLARK

Cemetery Trustees

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the Citizens of Merrimac.

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1958.

Month	Patients	Calls	Miles	Turned In
January	15	76	250	\$44
February	13	53	200	\$17
March	9	38	160	\$12
April	9	49	250	\$17
May	9	64	270	\$30
June	7	21	150	\$ 7
July	8	48	220	\$16
August	7	23	100	\$10
September	8	31	160	\$12
October	7	21	100	\$ 7
November	5	20	135	\$ 4
December	8	42	200	\$25

I have taken patients to Middleton and North Reading Sanatorium, Lawrence General Hospital, Clinics, Hale Hospital and Amesbury Hospital.

I have taken patients out of town for Xray or Cardiogram at the request of our doctors.

I have reported and investigated any questionable contagious diseases brought to my attention.

I have followed the doctor's orders and the ethics of nursing in the care of all patients to the best of my ability.

CECILE C. SARGENT, R. N.

Town Nurse

**REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC BOARD OF
PUBLIC WELFARE**

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Public Welfare organized with the following officers:

Chairman	Hazen M. Emery
Clerk	Marian A. Haskell
Member	Jean S. Stuart

The same officers administered Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance.

Working on a State and Federal Budget basis which we are forced to do by law to receive full reimbursement from same we have carried on our work as directed.

Due to the increase in the cost of medical care and a change in our state laws on borrowing we feel that the following amounts should be appropriated for the year 1959.

Old Age Assistance	\$55,000.00
Public Welfare	6,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN M. EMERY

MARIAN A. HASKELL

JEAN S. STUART

Merrimac Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following report of the Trustees of Kimball Park is submitted for the year 1958:

Received for Active Account for 1958	\$ 50.00
Balance in Account Jan. 1, 1958	45.98

	\$ 95.98
Expended on grounds for 1958	\$ 45.20

Balance January 1, 1959	\$ 50.78

Trust Fund

Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1958	\$ 2,099.45
Interest Weed Fund 1958	63.44
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1958	1,103.13
Interest Kimball Fund 1958	33.34

	\$ 3,299.36
Withdrawn from Weed Fund 1958	\$ 50.00
Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1959	2,112.89
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1959	1,136.47

	\$ 3,299.36

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE CAREY

ARTHUR L. DOUGLASS

GORDON RINES

Trustees of Kimball Park

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Report of the Town Forest Committee for the year of 1958.

Cleared out all fire lanes.

Cleared five acres of pines.

Cleared brook drains.

Paid Town Treasurer for Timber - \$791.19

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD K. JORALMON
SAMUAL DOUST
RICHARD E. SARGENT

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1958 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1958 \$112,995.30

Receipts to January 1, 1959 747,456.25

..... \$860,451.55

Payments on warrants 1958 \$758,236.58

Balance, January 1, 1959 102,214.97

..... \$860,451.55

Respectfully submitted,
ROY C. JOURNEAY

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF FINANCE BOARD

Department	Appropriated	Requested
	1958	1959
Moderator, Salary	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Town Clerk, Salary	450.00	450.00
Selectmen Salary, Chairman ..	325.00	325.00
Selectmen Salary, Clerk	200.00	200.00
Selectmen Salary, Member	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare Salary, Chairman	200.00	200.00
Public Welfare Salary, Clerk ..	200.00	200.00
Public Welfare Salary, Member	100.00	100.00
Assessors Salary, Chairman	410.00	435.00
Assessors Salary, Clerk	385.00	385.00
Assessors Salary, Member	335.00	310.00
Tax Collector, Salary	2,200.00	1,000.00
Tree Warden & Department ..	1,400.00	1,400.00
Light Commissioners, Salary		
3 @ \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Water Commissioners, Salary		
3 @ \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Treasurers Salary	750.00	<u>800.00</u>
Selectmens Expense	400.00	400.00
Town Accountant, Salary	3,380.00	3,380.00
Town Accountant, Expense	725.00	725.00
Treasurers Expense	500.00	1,800.00
Tax Collectors Expense	700.00	1,100.00
Assessors Expense	1,000.00	1,250.00
Town Clerk, Expense	300.00	400.00
Registrars Salary, Chairman	100.00	100.00
Registrars Salary 3 @ \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Janitor Town Hall, Salary	240.00	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs	200.00	200.00

Bonding Town Officers	500.00	500.00
Election Officers	400.00	200.00
Police Department	10,600.00	11,000.00
Fire Engineers Salary, Chief ...	300.00	300.00
Fire Engineers Salary, Clerk ...	200.00	200.00
Fire Engineers Salary, Member	150.00	150.00
Fire Department	4,800.00	5,200.00
Sealer, Salary	150.00	150.00
Sealer, Expense	35.00	35.00
Inspector Wiring, Salary	90.00	90.00
Inspector Wiring, Expense	5.00	5.00
Dog Officer Fees	150.00	300.00
Moth Department	869.00	869.00
Town Forest	400.00	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00	200.00
Board of Health	1,500.00	1,500.00
Health Nurse Salary & Expense	1,900.00	2,000.00
Inspector Animals, Salary	100.00	100.00
Inspector Animals, Expense	5.00	5.00
Inspector Slaughtering, Salary	20.00	20.00
Inspector Slaughtering, Expense	5.00	5.00
Inspector Milk, Salary	20.00	20.00
Inspector Milk, Expense	5.00	5.00
Snow & Washouts	13,000.00	10,000.00
Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges	1,200.00	1,200.00
Rocks Bridge	1,250.00	1,500.00
Street Lights	6,867.00	7,399.83
Public Welfare	5,000.00	6,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	45,000.00	55,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00	5,000.00
School Department	127,557.21	110,454.43
Public Library	2,000.00	2,000.00
Memorial Day	400.00	400.00
Lighting Town Buildings	732.70	847.39
Vocational Aid	4,000.00	4,500.00

Insurance	5,200.00	5,200.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest	7,500.00	7,500.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00	4,000.00
Vital Statistics	250.00	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	585.00	610.00
Printing Town Reports	720.00	1,020.00
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00	3,500.00
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	\$277,777.91	\$273,147.65

Respectfully submitted,

FRED N. SWEETSIR, M. D.

BERNARD C. BICKUM

EDMOND L. HAMEL

MILLARD B. HILLS

JOHN T. FRANKLIN

Merrimac Finance Board

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their eighty-second annual report for the year ending December 31, 1958.

The total number of volumes borrowed during the year were 8,423, of which 2,134 were non-fiction and 2,645 were juvenile.

The monthly deliveries were as follows:

January	714	March	880
February	659	April	742

May	627	September	763
June	555	October	739
July	617	November	807
August	654	December	616

The fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$139.67.

During the year 268 books were acquired; 25 of which were juvenile, 14 teen-age and 63 were non-fiction. Gift books numbered 28 and once again your trustees wish to thank our many friends for their donations to the library. A new series of "Land and Peoples" (7 vols.) and "Book of Popular Science" (10 vols.) were acquired for reference work.

One hundred and one new names were added to our register.

The upper walls and ceiling were washed and murescoed this summer, and new drapes hung at the windows.

The Bookmobile has been a great help to our library, bringing us a great variety of useful books. We borrowed 620 books, of which 120 were teen-age and 220 were juvenile. This Bookmobile visits the library every three weeks. The State Library Extension has loaned us 12 books.

Your trustees recommend the sum of \$2,000.00 to be appropriated for the ensuing year, 1959.

Respectfully submitted,
ALVIN F. HEATH
BARBARA N. ADAMS
CHARLES M. TIBBETTS
BURNELL S. O'BRIEN
ROBERT L. ECKERT
OLIVE S. WILDE

Trustees of Public Library

**REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND
SLAUGHTERING**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections and issued the following licenses for the year 1958:

Licenses for the sale of Oleomargarine	6
Store licenses for the sale of milk	11
Vehicle licenses for sale of milk	13

A total of 30 licenses at 50¢, Total \$15.00 and turned over to Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected	30
Number of cattle inspected	261
Number of swine inspected	16
Number of horses inspected	7
Number of goats inspected	5
Inspection of Division of Livestock Disease Control	0
Check of cattle from out of state	0
Animals Quarantined	0
Inspection of swine	0
Inspection of calves	0

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HUTCHINS

Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all financial transactions of the past year, and a balance sheet.

I would like to thank you and all other Town Officials for their help and cooperation during this past year, also the Bureau of Accounts and Division of Corporations and Taxation for their advice.

Respectfully submitted,

H. PEARLE WHITING

Town Accountant

Receipts — General

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll, Personal, Real Estate \$236,864.99

Previous Years:

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1957 ... 18,850.57

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1956 ... 3,185.65

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1955 ... 28.80

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1954 ... 455.10

Tax Title Redemptions 2,155.06

Income Tax 14,569.33

Corporation & Business Tax 11,761.10

Total from Taxes

\$287,870.60

Licenses and Permits:

Trailer Park Fees	\$ 3,224.00
Liquor	1,000.00
Milk	16.50
Other licenses and permits	227.50

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	\$ 151.00
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Grants and Gifts:

Town Clerk, Dogs	\$ 478.20
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Total from Licenses, Permits, Fines, Forfeits, Grants and Gifts	\$ 5,097.20
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Privileges:

Excise 1958	\$ 25,951.09
Excise 1957	11,850.85
Excise 1956	363.54
Excise 1955	251.50
Excise 1954	478.93
	\$ 38,895.91

Interest:

1958	\$ 89.46
1957	648.57
1956	229.25
1955	10.01
Added to Tax Titles	487.35
Recordings, Releases and Advertising	8.00
Int. 1954	78.00
	\$ 1,550.64

Total from Privileges and Interest	\$ 40,446.55
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TOTAL FROM GENERAL REVENUE	\$333,414.35
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Commercial Revenue

General Government:

Rent of Hall	\$ 135.00
Rent of Offices	1,268.00
	\$ 1,403.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealers Fees	\$ 65.50
Bicycle Plates	15.00
	\$ 80.50

Health:

Nurse Fees	\$ 244.00
	\$ 244.00

Public Library:

Fines	\$ 149.66
Withdrawals	727.32
Trust Funds	415.63
	\$ 1,292.61

Highways:

Town Hire Road Machinery ..	\$ 1,594.00
Ch. 90 Maint. 1957 State	500.00
Ch. 81 State 1958	2,242.61
Ch. 90 Const. 1957 State	6,000.00
Ch. 90 Const. 1958 State	5,686.72
Ch. 90 Const. 1958 County	655.21
Ch. 718 State	3,000.00
Ch. 90 Const. 1956 State	1,310.41
	\$ 20,988.95

Kimball Park:

Withdrawals from Trust

Funds	\$	50.00

	\$	50.00

Cemeteries:

Care, Openings, and Use of

Equipment	\$	2,522.75
New Funds		950.00
Sale of Lots		225.00
Withdrawals from Funds		1,720.00

	\$	5,417.75

Charities:

Aid to Dependent Children:

U. S. Grant	\$	2,568.35
U. S. Grant U. S. Admx.		163.45
State		1,096.76
Treas. Reimb. Postage		11.17
Return Checks		51.20

	\$	3,890.93

Veterans Benefits State	\$	229.09

	\$	229.09
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Temporary Aid:

Cities and Towns	\$	464.94
Comm. of Mass.		32.00

	\$	496.94

Disability Assistance:

U. S. Grant	\$ 1,334.23
U. S. Grant Admx.	62.86
Comm. of Mass.	815.84
Treas. Reimb. Postage	4.84
Return Checks	58.70

	\$ 2,276.47

Old Age Assistance:

Comm. of Mass.	\$ 33,302.42
U. S. Grant	31,376.99
U. S. Grant Admx.	2,517.51
Other Cities & Towns	1,380.18
Individuals	548.85
Treas. Reimb. Postage	85.16
Old Age Recoveries	11,955.56
Amusement & Meal Tax	2,594.64

	\$ 83,761.31

Public Service Enterprises

Light:

Sale of Light	\$ 94,506.61
Sale of Power	11,203.41
Misc. Sales	591.70
Consumers Deposits	615.00
Street Lighting	6,867.00
Light in Town Buildings	732.70
Return Checks	89.00

	\$ 114,605.42

Water:

Meter Rates	\$ 23,422.46
Misc. Sales	1,377.91
Water in Town Buildings	585.00

	\$ 25,385.37

School:

Lunch Program	\$ 19,753.39
Tuition and Town	5,467.85
Athletics	414.70
State Tuition & Trans.	11,233.88
Superintendent	1,233.54
School Aid	27,109.00
Dog Fund	374.08
Sale of Chairs	799.00
Rental of Gym	67.00
Reimb. for Teachers Ret.	18.19
Return Check	32.47

	\$ 66,503.10

Miscellaneous Receipts

Farm Animal Excise 1957	\$ 43.02
Farm Animal Excise	123.02
Sale of Cemetery Truck	25.00
Recording Cemetery Lots	19.00
Withholding Tax	24,763.18
Division of Livestock	50.00
School Aid	10,992.71
Interest Harry Robinson Fund	45.00
Interest on General Cash	350.00
Revenue Loan	50,000.00
Division of Standards	24.00
Rental Road Equipment	78.00
Sale of Timber	791.13
Return Checks	112.40

	\$ 87,416.46

Total from General Revenue, Commercial

Revenue, and Miscellaneous Receipts	\$747,456.25
Cash Balance January 1, 1958	112,995.30

	\$860,451.55

Expenditures

General Government:

Moderator, Salary	\$ 12.00
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	\$ 12.00

Selectmen's Salaries:

Chairman	\$ 325.00
Clerk	200.00
Member	150.00
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	\$ 675.00

Selectmen's Expenses:

Printing & Postage	\$ 81.93
Other Expenses	283 12
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	\$ 365.05

Accountant's Salary:

\$ 3,380.00	
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\$ 3,380.00	

Accountant's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 43.00
Other Expenses	682.00
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	\$ 725.00

Treasurer's Salary

\$ 750.00	
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\$ 750.00	

Treasurer's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 173.00
Other Expense	303.76
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	\$ 476.76

Tax Collector's Salary

\$ 2,200.00	
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\$ 2,200.00	

Tax Collector's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 284.28
Other Expenses	415.72

	\$ 700.00

Assessor's Salaries:

Chairman	\$ 410.00
Clerk	385.00
Member	335.00

	\$ 1,130.00

Assessor's Expense:

Printing & Postage	159.47
Transportation	9.90
Other Expense	802.38

	\$ 971.75

Town Clerk Salary	\$ 450.00

	\$ 450.00

Town Clerk Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 293.64
Other Expense	209.24

	\$ 502.88

Legal Suits & Expenses:

Legal Fees	\$ 56.55

	\$ 56.55

Registrar's Salaries:

Chairman	\$ 100.00
Other 3 (\$50.00 each)	150.00

	\$ 250.00

Registrar's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 13.64
Other Expense	636.36
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	\$ 650.00

Election Officers	\$ 429.37
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Janitor's Salary Town Hall	\$ 240.00
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	\$ 240.00

Town Hall Maintenance:

Openings	\$ 75.00
Telephone	163.28
Fuel	1,023.39
Light	58.20
Janitor's Supplies	54.45
Repairs	80.25
Bank Water	15.50
Other Expense	61.94
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	\$ 1,532.01

Town Hall Repairs:

Toilets	\$ 175.00
Electrical Work	25.00
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	\$ 200.00

Bonding Town Officers:

Treasurer, Collector, Clerk	\$ 479.00
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	\$ 479.00
Water in Town Buildings	\$ 585.00
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	\$ 585.00

Lighting in Town Buildings	\$	732.70

	\$	732.70
Repairs in, on, or around Town Hall:		
Repairing Roof	\$	270.00
Other Repairs		230.00

	\$	500.00

Total for General Government	\$	17,993.07

Protection of Person and Property

Police:

Chief	\$	3,780.00
Night Patrol		3,045.00
Specials		2,559.10
Motor Expense		528.33
Telephone		296.33
Repairs		99.85
Posting Warrants		12.00
Other Expense		279.17

	\$	10,599.78

Fire Engineers Salaries:

Chief	\$	300.00
Clerk		200.00
Member		150.00

	\$	650.00

Fire Department:

Call Men, Stewards, Supt. of		
Alarms	\$	2,600.59
Labor on Fire Alarm System		139.10
Fuel		661.28
Telephone		324.66

Equipment	258.73
Motor & Expense	291.34
Repairs & Supplies	524.30
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	\$ 4,800.00

Special Hose Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 500.00

Special Equipment:

Mobil Radio & Telephone	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 500.00

Sealer of Weights & Measures:

Salary	\$ 150.00
Transportation & Supplies	34.72
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	\$ 184.72

Inspector of Wiring:

Salary	\$ 95.00
Transportation	5.00
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	\$ 95.00

Dog Officer Salary	\$ 100.00
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	\$ 100.00

Dutch Elm Disease:

Superintendent	\$ 498.00
Labor	1,041.70
Trucks	390.00
Other Expense	65.45
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	\$ 1,995.15

Moth Department:

Superintendent	\$ 145.50
Labor	345.43
Trucks	125.00
Rental of Barn	50.00
Insecticides	93.50
Equipment & Motor Expense	109.57

	\$ 869.00

Tree Warden:

Superintendent	\$ 282.00
Labor	671.32
Trucks	225.00
Equipment & Supplies	192.39
Gas & Oil	27.53

	\$ 1,398.24

Forest Fire Warden:

Labor	\$ 115.50
Food	7.00
Equipment	77.35

	\$ 199.85

Dog Officer Fees	\$ 250.00

	\$ 250.00

Purchase Police Cruiser:

Cruiser	\$ 1,846.00
Siren	53.20
Other Expense	300.80

	\$ 2,200.00

Total for Protection of Persons & Property	\$ 24,341.74
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Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:

Care of Dump	\$ 625.70
Medical Expense	469.00
Burial of Animals	18.00
Other Expense	9.00
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	\$ 1,121.70

Vital Statistics:

Recordings	\$ 165.00
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	\$ 165.00

Health Nurse:

Salary	\$ 1,800.00
Transportation	181.65
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	\$ 1,981.65

Inspector of Animals:

Salary	\$ 100.00
Transportation	5.00
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	\$ 105.00

Inspector of Milk:

Salary	\$ 20.00
Transportation	5.00
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	\$ 25.00

Inspector of Slaughtering:

Salary	\$ 20.00
Transportation	5.00
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	\$ 25.00

Maintenance of Dump:

Care of Dump	\$ 652.00
Other Expense	45.00

	\$ 697.00

Total for Health and Sanitation	\$ 4,120.35
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Highways

Highway Chapter 81:

Superintendent	\$ 1,300.50
Labor	5,252.35
Roller, Grader & Loader	1,623.01
Dozer, Back Hoe & Trucks	1,650.45
Road Materials	3,464.22
Equipment & Repairs	1,232.74

	\$ 14,523.27

Snow & Washouts:

Superintendent	\$ 1,319.50
Labor	4,697.37
Fuel	192.42
Telephone	120.48
State Plowing	98.98
Grader, Trucks, Plows, Loader, Dozer	4,727.79
Sand & Salt	1,084.88
Repairs & Equipment	758.58

	\$ 13,000.00

Maintenance of Road Machinery:

Gas & Oil	\$ 1,379.83
Repairs & Parts	1,073.19
Supplies	800.00
Other Expense	42.45

	\$ 3,295.47

Highway Thickly Settled:

Superintendent	\$ 148.50
Labor	137.85
Road Material	137.26
Culverts & Equipment	326.11
Telephone	48.40
Fuel	15.87
Other Expense	186.01

	\$ 1,000.00

Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Superintendent	\$ 36.00
Labor	106.30
Trucks	292.00
Dozer, Roller & Grader	496.00
Road Material	568.11

	\$ 1,498.41

Highway Chapter 90 Construction:

Superintendent	\$ 1,030.50
Labor	6,018.10
Truck & Grader	756.00
Dozer, Truck & Loader	10,172.82
Asphalt, Posts & Headers	6,612.95
Cement & Gravel	1,087.37

	\$ 25,677.74

Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges:

Salary & Wages	\$ 627.45
Grader	450.00
Material & Supply	95.68
Other Expense	26.87

	\$ 1,200.00

Surface Drain - Material and

Supply	275.46

	\$ 275.46

Purchase Truck & Plow	\$ 5,900.00

	\$ 5,900.00
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Rocks Bridge	\$ 819.35

	\$ 819.35
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Street Lighting	\$ 6,867.00

	\$ 6,867.00
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Total for Highways	\$ 74,056.70
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Charities

Welfare Agent Salary	\$ 3,038.36

	\$ 3,038.36

Welfare Board Salaries:

Chairman	\$ 200.00
Clerk	200.00
Member	100.00

	\$ 500.00

Welfare Department:

Groceries & Provisions	\$ 1,252.17
Fuel	244.66
Medical	928.42
State Institution	485.59
Other Cities & Towns	1,761.63

	\$ 4,672.47

Disability Assistance:

Cash	\$ 1,681.10
Medical	318.90

	\$ 2,000.00

Disability Assistance U. S.:

Cash	\$ 740.80
Medical	303.20

	\$ 1,044.00

Disability Assistance Admx.:

Postage & Supplies, Clerk	\$ 86.92

	\$ 86.92

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash	\$ 2,737.37
Medical	262.63

	\$ 3,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children U. S.:

Cash	\$ 2,351.03
Medical	175.00

	\$ 2,526.03

Aid to Dependent Children Admx. U. S.:

Postage & Supplies, Clerk	\$ 111.14
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	\$ 111.14

Old Age Assistance:

Cash	\$ 36,858.12
Medical	13,986.06
Other Cities & Towns	155.82
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	\$ 51,000.00

Old Age U. S.:

Cash	\$ 26,918.68
Medical	2,142.77
Other Cities and Towns	1,813.51
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	\$ 30,874.96

Old Age Admx. U. S.:

Postage & Supplies, Clerk	\$ 1,962.87
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	\$ 1,962.87

Soldiers Benefits:

Cash	\$ 530.00
Medical	232.02
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	\$ 762.02

Veterans Service Officer:

Salary	\$ 500.00
Expense	182.75
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	\$ 682.75

Total for Charities	\$102,261.52
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School and Library

School Department:

Paid in 1958 and itemized in

School Report	\$128,934.79
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	\$128,934.79

Regional School Assessment	\$ 78,219.12
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	\$ 78,219.12
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Vocational Aid:

Tuition & Transportation	\$ 4,597.25
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	\$ 4,597.25
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Library:

Librarian	\$ 552.00
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Assistant	360.00
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Janitor	240.00
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Books & Periodicals	622.99
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Fuel & Light	312.48
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Repairs & Labor	808.93
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Other Expense	76.71
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	\$ 2,973.11
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Total for School & Library	\$214,724.27
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Recreation & Unclassified

Insurance:

Schedule	\$ 1,814.07
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Workmens Comp.	2,022.59
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Accident, Fire	357.40
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Tractor	186.90
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Property Damage	522.02
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Town Machinery	146.32
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	\$ 5,049.30
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Town Forest:

Salary & Wages	\$ 394.00

	\$ 394.00

Essex County Retirement Board:

Assessment	\$ 6,709.22

	\$ 6,709.22

Rental American Legion Quarters:

Rental 1958	\$ 300.00

	\$ 300.00

Expense Finance Board:

Printing & Postage	\$ 110.75

	\$ 110.75

Expense Planning Board:

Printing Forms	\$ 118.90

	\$ 118.90

Expense Board of Appeals:

Advertisement	\$ 20.00

	\$ 20.00

Xmas Parade & Expense:

Band, Lights & Other Expense	\$ 300.00

	\$ 300.00

Memorial Day:

Band	\$ 230.00
Flags	129.90
Other Expense	10.10
Loud Speaker	30.00

	\$ 400.00

Supervised Play:

Salaries	\$	675.00
		\$ 675.00
Printing Town Reports	\$	720.00
		\$ 720.00

Playground:

Labor	\$	769.51
Fence		1,100.00
Gas & Oil		20.12
Material & Supply		158.55
Equipment		40.30
Other Expense		211.13
		\$ 2,299.61

Civil Defense:

Telephone	\$	112.15
Mobil Radio		526.50
Other Expense		52.92
		\$ 691.57

Kimball Park:

Labor	\$	41.00
Paint		4.20
		\$ 45.20

Total for Recreation & Unclassified \$ 17,833.55

Enterprises, Cemeteries and Interest

Light Maintenance, Operation, Debt & Building	\$111,046.20

	\$111,046.20
Water Maintenance, Operation and Debt	\$ 23,998.65

	\$ 23,998.65
Light Extension Harriman Road:	
Materials	\$ 500.00

	\$ 500.00
New Wells:	
Material & Supply	\$ 4,991.83

	\$ 4,991.83
Water Extension West Shore Road:	
Labor	\$ 1,403.50
Materials	9,887.72

	\$ 11,291.22
Light Extension Heath Road:	
Materials	\$ 1,244.81

	\$ 1,244.81
Light Commissioners Salary:	
3 @ \$50.00 each	\$ 150.00

	\$ 150.00
Water Commissioners Salary:	
3 @ \$50.00 each	\$ 150.00

	\$ 150.00

Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$ 2,663.68
Labor	1,348.24
Burials	115.00
Loam	390.30
Trees & Shrub	71.25
Repairs & Equipment	478.61
Liners	306.00
Gas & Oil	269.03
Truck	100.00
Other Expense	277.89
	\$ 6,020.00

Care Harry J. Robinson Lot:

Labor & Expense	\$ 44.77
	\$ 44.77

Care, Improvement & Embellishment of Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$ 442.80
Labor	345.77
Burials	25.00
Repairs & Equipment	78.95
Gas & Oil	50.80
Other Expense	31.68
	\$ 975.00

Interest:

Revenue Loan	\$ 159.55
School Construction Loan	5,712.50
Water Loan	185.00
Light Loan	180.00
	\$ 6,237.05

Total for Enterprises, Cemeteries & Interest \$166,649.53

Other Payments

Refunds Real 1956	\$ 69.80
Refunds Personal 1956	58.50
Refunds Poll 1957	2.00
Refunds Personal 1957	24.36
Refunds Real 1957	349.15
Refunds Personal 1958	642.48
Refunds Real 1958	594.13
Withholding Tax	24,763.18
County Taxes	9,098.62
Revenue Loan	50,000.00
Dog Fees	478.20
Consumers Deposits	360.00
Purchase Bonds, School Renovations or Additions	5,000.00
Trust Funds in Transit	1,365.63
Auditing	1,517.74
State Parks & Reservations	1,335.11
Essex County T B Hospital	2,061.35
School Athletics	564.12
School Lunch	20,688.55
School Construction Loan	17,000.00
Excise Refund 1957	308.92
	\$136,255.85
Total for Other Payments	136,255.85
Total Payments for Year 1958	758,236.58
Cash Balance December 31, 1958	102,214.97
	\$860,451.55

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	Appropria- tions	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Moderator, Salary	\$ 12.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Town Clerk, Salary	450.00				450.00	450.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Chairman	325.00				325.00	325.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Clerk	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Other Memb.	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Chairman	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Salary, Clerk ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Member ..	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Assessors, Salary Chairman	410.00				410.00	410.00	
Assessors, Salary, Clerk	385.00				385.00	385.00	
Assessors, Sal., Other Member ..	335.00				335.00	335.00	
Tax Collector, Salary	2,200.00				2,200.00	2,200.00	
Tree Warden, Dept.	1,400.00				1,400.00	1,398.24	1.76
Light Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Water Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Treasurer, Salary	750.00				750.00	750.00	
Selectmen, Departmental Ex. ..	400.00				400.00	365.05	34.95
Town Accountant, Salary	3,380.00				3,380.00	3,380.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	725.00				725.00	725.00	

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Appropria- tions	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Treasurers, Expenses	500.00			500.00	476.76	23.24
Tax Collectors, Expenses	700.00			700.00	700.00	
Assessors, Expenses	1,000.00			1,000.00	971.75	28.25
Town Clerk, Expenses	300.00	202.88		502.88	502.88	
Registrars of Voters, Salary, Chairman	100.00			100.00	100.00	
Other 3 members, each 50.00	150.00			150.00	150.00	
Janitor, Town Hall, Salary	240.00			240.00	240.00	
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00	32.01		1,532.01	1,532.01	
Town Hall, Repairs	200.00			200.00	200.00	
Bonding Town Officers	500.00			500.00	479.00	21.00
Election Officers	400.00	20.37		9.00	429.37	429.37
Police Department	10,600.00			10,600.00	10,599.78	.22
Fire Engineers, Chief, Salary ..	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Fire Engineers, Clerk, Salary ..	200.00			200.00	200.00	
Fire Engineers, Member, Salary ..	150.00			150.00	150.00	
Fire Department	4,800.00			4,800.00	4,800.00	
Sealer of W. & M., Salary	150.00			150.00	150.00	
Sealer of W. & M. Expenses	35.00			35.00	34.72	.28
Inspector of Wiring, Salary	90.00			90.00	90.00	
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses	5.00			5.00	5.00	
Dog Officer, Fees	150.00	100.00		250.00	250.00	
Moth Department	869.00			869.00	869.00	
Town Forest	400.00			400.00	394.00	6.00

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Forest Fire Warden	200.00				200.00	199.85	.15
Board of Health	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,121.70	378.30
Health Nurse, Salary & Exp.	1,900.00		81.65		1,981.65	1,981.65	
Inspector of Animals, Salary	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Animals, Exp.	5.00		5.00		5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Sal.	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Milk, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Snow and Washouts	13,000.00				13,000.00	13,000.00	
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges							
Rocks Bridge	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00	
1,250.00					1,250.00	819.35	430.65
Street Lights	6,867.00				6,867.00	6,867.00	
Public Welfare	5,000.00				5,000.00	4,672.47	327.53
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00				1,819.07	1,680.93	918.91
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00				2,000.00	3,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	45,000.00		6,000.00			51,000.00	51,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00	
School Department	127,557.21		1,148.52		406.55	129,112.28	128,934.79
Public Library Balance 245.79					727.32	2,973.11	177.49
Memorial Day	400.00					400.00	400.00
Vocational Aid	4,000.00		670.55			4,670.55	4,597.25
Lighting Town Buildings	732.70					732.70	732.70

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	Appropria- tions	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Insurance	.....	5,200.00			5,200.00	5,049.30	150.70
Reserve Fund	.....	1,000.00		572.66	427.34		427.34
Interest	.....	7,500.00			7,500.00	6,237.05	1,262.95
Cemeteries	.....	4,000.00		300.00	6,020.00	6,020.00	
Vital Statistics	.....	250.00			250.00	165.00	85.00
Water in Town Buildings	.....	585.00			585.00	585.00	
Printing Town Reports	.....	720.00			720.00	720.00	
Art. 7 Playground	.....	2,300.00			2,300.00	2,299.61	.39
Art. 9 Tax Title Possessions	Expense	100.00			100.00		100.00
Art. 10 Thickly Settled Sts.		1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
Art. 11 Registrars' Expenses		650.00			650.00		650.00
Art. 13 Legal Expenses							
	Balance	360.00		1,000.00	1,360.00	56.55	1,303.45
Art. 15 Repairs, Town Hall	..	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Art. 17 Chapter 81 Highway	..	5,450.00		9,075.00	14,525.00	14,523.27	1.73
Art. 18 Vet. Serv. Off., Salary		500.00			500.00	500.00	
Art. 19 Vet. Serv. Off., Exp.		250.00			250.00	182.75	67.25
Art. 20 Essex County Retire.		6,709.22			6,709.22	6,709.22	
Art. 21 Water Maint. & Oper.		24,000.00			24,000.00	23,998.65	1.35
Art. 22 Welfare Agent, Salary		3,500.00			3,500.00	3,038.36	461.64
Art. 23 Rental Legion Quarters		300.00			300.00	300.00	

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	Appropria- tions	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Art. 24	Dutch Elm	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,995.15	4.85
Art. 25	School Const. Notes ..	17,000.00			17,000.00	17,000.00	
Art. 26	Dog Officer, Salary ..	100.00			100.00	100.00	
Art. 27	Civil Defense						
	Balance	\$1,165.13	500.00		1,665.13	691.57	973.56
Art. 28	Sal., Inst'rs, Playgr'nd	675.00			675.00	675.00	
Art. 36.	Expense, Building Code	25.00			25.00		25.00
Art. 29	Xmas Parade & Exp. ..	300.00			300.00		300.00
Art. 30	Merrimac Portion Pentucket Regional School Budget	78,219.12			78,219.12	78,219.12	
Art. 31	Hi'way Chap. 90 Maint.	1,000.00		500.00	1,500.00	1,498.41	1.59
Art. 32	Planning Board, Exp. ..	300.00			300.00	118.90	181.10
Art. 34	Maintenance of Dump	1,000.00			1,000.00	697.00	303.00
Art. 38	New Police Cruiser ..	2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00	
Art. 40	New Wells	5,000.00			5,000.00	4,991.83	8.17
Art. 41	Extend Light Service along Heath St.	1,914.60			1,914.60	1,244.81	669.79
Art. 42	Install Water to Lake Attitash	11,298.27			11,298.27	11,291.22	7.05
Art. 43	Erect Street Lights to Brush Hill Road	500.00			500.00	500.00	

	Appropria- tions	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total Payments	Balances
Art. 44	Fire Hose	.....	500.00		500.00	500.00
Art. 45	New Equip. Fire Dept.		500.00		500.00	500.00
Art. 48	Expense Board of Appeals		50.00	50.00	20.00	30.00
Art. 49	Surface Drain - Battis Property to Summer St.		1,750.00		1,754.54	1,474.54
				\$448,869.12		

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Appropriations In	Balances Out	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total Payments	Balances
Personal 1956					58.50	58.50	58.50
Real 1956					69.80	69.80	69.80
Maintenance Road Machinery ..				3,300.00		3,300.00	3,295.47
Chapter 90 Construction			14,620.83	12,000.00		26,620.83	25,677.74
Poll 1957					2.00	2.00	2.00
Personal 1957					24.36	24.36	24.36
Real 1957					349.15	349.15	349.15
Personal 1958					4.48	4.48	4.48
Real 1958					594.13	594.13	594.13
Excise 1957					308.92	308.92	308.92
Excise 1958					612.01	612.01	612.01
Withholding					24,763.18	24,763.18	24,763.18
Dog Fees					478.20	478.20	478.20

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Consumers Deposit	360.00	360.00	360.00
Trust Funds in Transit	1,365.63	1,365.63	1,365.63
State Parks & Reservations	1,335.11	1,335.11	1,335.11
Auditing	1,517.74	1,517.74	1,517.74
County Taxes	9,098.62	9,098.62	9,098.62
Essex County T. B. Hospital	2,061.35	2,061.35	2,061.35
School Athletics	414.70	584.75	564.12
School Lunch	19,753.39	21,503.30	20,688.55
Revenue Loans	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Purchase of Bonds for Addition to School	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Expense Finance Board	110.75	110.75	110.75
Purchase of Truck & Plow	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,900.00
D. A. U. S.	607.05	1,292.00	1,899.05
D. A. Admx. U. S.	449.46	108.00	557.46
A. D. C. U. S.	537.83	2,568.35	3,106.18
A. D. C. Admx. U. S.	934.48	166.42	1,100.90
O. A. A. U. S.	3,811.17	31,524.68	35,335.85
O. A. A. Admx. U. S.	2,434.18	2,509.51	4,943.69

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED—(Continued)

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	Appropriations	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Kimball Park	45.98				50.00	95.98	45.20	50.78
Light Maint., Operation, Debt	10,392.61		6,872.00	113,990.42	117,511.03	111,046.20		6,464.83
Care, Imp., Emb., Cemetery	975.00				975.00	975.00		
Care of Robinson Lot				45.00	45.00	44.77		.23
Total	\$448,869.12	\$37,524.47	\$45,516.73	\$13,263.73	\$268,288.52	\$786,935.11	\$758,236.58	\$28,698.53

Appropriations	\$448,869.12
Accounts Balances	37,524.47
Refunds and Receipts	268,288.52
	\$754,682.11

Transferred To Accounts:

Town Clerks Expense	\$ 27.88	From Reserve Fund
Town Clerks Expense	175.00	From Surplus Revenue
Town Hall Maintenance	32.01	From Reserve Fund
Election Officers	20.37	From Reserve Fund
Dog Officer Fees	100.00	From Surplus Revenue
Health Nurse Salary & Expense	81.65	From Reserve Fund
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	From A. D. C.
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	From D. A.
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	From Surplus Revenue
School	1,148.52	From Soldiers Benefits
Vocational Aid	670.55	From Soldiers Benefits
Cemetery	300.00	From Reserve Fund
Chapter 81, Highway	9,075.00	From Surplus Revenue
Chapter 90, Maintenance	500.00	From Surplus Revenue
Maintenance of Road Mach.	1,300.00	From Road Machinery
Maintenance of Road Mach.	2,000.00	From Surplus Revenue
Chapter 90, Construction	3,000.00	From Highway Ch. 718
Chapter 90, Construction	9,000.00	From Surplus Revenue

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Purchase of Bonds for School		From Surplus Revenue
... Addition and Renovation	5,000.00	From Reserve Fund
Expense Finance Board	110.75	From Surplus Revenue
Purchase Truck and Plow	6,000.00	From Sale of Lots
Care, Improvement, Emb., Cemetery	975.00	
	<hr/> \$ 45,516.73	
		\$800,198.84
Transferred From Accounts:		
From Soldiers Benefits	\$ 1,148.52	To Schools
From Soldiers Benefits	670.55	To Vocational
From A. D. C.	2,000.00	To Old Age Assistance
From Disability Assistance	2,000.00	To Old Age Assistance
Reserve Fund	572.66	To Accounts Above
Light Maint., Operation & Debt	6,872.00	For Tax Reduction
	<hr/> \$ 13,263.73	
Account Balances		\$786,935.11
Total Payments For Year 1958		\$ 28,698.53
		<hr/> \$758,236.58

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	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1958
M. E. Sargent Fund.....	\$100.00	\$200.01	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 200.01
Eliza M. Sawyer—Thomas Sawyer Lot	114.00	114.17	3.42	3.00	114.59.
Emily S. Goodwin—Patten Sargent Lot.....	250.00	250.36	7.50	7.50	250.36
John and Sophia Merrill.....	200.00	200.30	6.00	6.00	200.30.
Moses Goodrich.....	100.00	100.06	3.00	3.00	100.06
W. A. Paine—Henry Sargent Lot.....	50.00	50.31	1.50	1.50	50.31.
J. E. Prescott	250.00	250.19	7.50	7.50	250.19
Rhoda S. Poore—Daniel Poore Lot.....	400.00	400.21	12.00	12.00	400.21
Rhoda S. Poore—Frederick Sargent Lot.....	200.00	200.09	6.00	6.00	200.09
Otis M. Little	200.00	200.38	6.00	6.00	200.38
Susan G. Sargent-westerly half of J. B. Sargent Lot	75.00	75.12	2.26	2.00	75.38
Mariette B. Sargent—William P. Colby Lot	250.00	250.12	7.50	7.50	250.12.
Caroline S. Noyes—Somerby Noyes Lot	100.00	100.41	3.00	3.00	100.41
Adeline Whittier	100.00	100.41	3.00	3.00	100.41.
J. Warren Sargent.....	100.00	100.40	3.00	3.00	100.40
Ruth Rowell—Jacob Rowell and Charles Dow Lot....	200.00	200.66	6.00	6.50	200.16
Sarah Pattee—Asa Ford and Sarah Pattee Lot	175.00	175.14	5.26	5.00	175.40
Sarah Pattee—William Gunnison Lot	125.00	125.01	3.76	3.50	125.27
I. B. Little	337.87	337.33	10.12	9.00	338.45.
John Bancroft	50.00	50.97	1.50	2.00	50.47

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Captain Aaron Bancroft	50.00	50.06	1.50	1.00	50.56
Thomas D. Nelson	150.00	150.35	4.50	4.50	150.35
Mabel Shepardson—Isaac Jones Lot	100.00	100.32	3.00	3.00	100.32
Henry E. Crosby	65.00	65.43	1.96	2.00	65.39
A. Linda Little	150.00	150.44	4.50	4.50	150.44
Etta H. Colby	100.00	100.44	3.00	3.00	100.44
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt	100.00	100.24	3.00	3.00	100.24
Phineas Chase	100.00	100.27	3.00	3.00	100.27
Charles A. Bridges	100.00	100.35	3.00	3.00	100.35
Louise Clement—John S. Clement Lot	100.00	100.02	3.00	3.00	100.02
Carrie C. Noyes	150.00	150.10	4.50	4.50	150.10
W. O. Smiley—William and Francis Smiley	100.00	100.10	3.00	3.00	100.10
Hattie and Carrie Baxter	100.00	100.49	3.00	3.00	100.49
Pamella C. Trefethen—Ephraim Trefethen Lot	100.00	100.49	3.00	3.00	100.49
Ida E. Stevens	125.00	125.41	3.76	4.00	125.17
Mary A. Chase, William and Mary A. Chase	100.00	100.47	3.00	3.00	100.47
Stuart Chase and Sargent	250.00	250.93	7.50	8.00	250.43
Charles A. Noyes—Charles A. Noyes Lot	75.00	75.70	2.26	2.50	75.46
Mason W. R. Downing—John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols Lot	125.00	125.26	3.76	4.00	125.02

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William Gilday	200.00	6.00
Moses Stevens	100.00	3.50
Elizabeth M. Cooper—Joseph Cooper Lot	100.74	3.00
Amos Weed	100.00	3.50
Amos Weed	100.00	3.00
E. Fannie Bradley—Daniel Bradley	100.00	3.00
Porter Sargent	150.00	4.50
Addie F. Sawyer	100.00	4.50
Melville S. Gibbs	100.00	3.00
Arthur C. Sargent	100.00	3.00
Heirs of A. R. Kimball	100.00	3.00
George E. Ricker—Capt. J. W. Sargent	100.00	3.00
Alfred G. Wells—R. K. Nichols, Patriquin & Wells	200.00	200.66
Stephen C. Parsons	200.00	200.32
Alfred H. Colby—A. M. Colby Lot	200.00	200.44
George S. Sargent	100.00	100.09
Frank Ward	200.00	200.59
R. W. Sargent and D. A. Moulton	200.00	200.12
Samuel C. Pease	150.00	150.78
Agnes F. Judkins, George W. & Olive O. Judkins Lot	150.00	150.20
Willard D. Sargent—Edward P. Sargent	200.00	200.78
Everett Carlton—Richard Stoyle Lot	100.00	100.73
A. E. Porter—S. L. Porter & Mary Emery	150.00	150.59
Donald MacDiarmid	150.00	150.43
William H. Young	100.00	100.75
Mary A. Hoyt—Thomas Hoyt Lot	200.00	200.68
Willard D. Sargent—Captain Moses Sargent	100.00	100.10
Willard D. Sargent—Nicholas Sargent	100.00	100.86
		3.00
		3.50
		6.00
		6.50
		3.00
		3.50
		100.24
		100.07
		100.43
		100.19
		100.48
		150.42
		100.40
		100.21
		100.22
		200.16
		200.32
		200.44
		100.09
		200.09
		200.12
		150.28
		150.20
		200.30
		100.23
		150.09
		150.43
		100.25
		200.18
		100.10
		100.36

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Lilla P. Larraway—H. W. Larraway Lot	100.00	100.51	3.00	3.50	100.01
Warren E. Wallace	100.00	100.15	3.00	3.00	100.15
Justin Clement	75.00	75.24	2.26	2.50	75.00
Emma P. Emerson—Alfred Chase Lot	100.00	100.58	3.00	3.50	100.08
John W. Foster	150.00	150.52	4.50	5.00	150.02
John H. Cleary	100.00	100.66	3.00	3.50	100.16
M. A. Gassett	100.00	100.57	3.00	3.50	100.07
J. W. Johnson	100.00	100.95	3.00	3.50	100.45
William Greely	300.00	300.22	9.00	9.00	300.22
Moses S. Brown—Charles E. Hoyt Lot	100.00	100.76	3.00	3.50	100.26
John B. Judkins	500.00	500.70	13.38	14.00	500.08
Henry C. Fox	100.00	100.12	3.00	3.00	100.12
George D. Larkin—Little, Larkin & Oliver Larkin Lot	300.00	300.96	9.00	9.50	300.46
Addie Haley	100.00	100.36	3.00	3.00	100.36
Jacob F. Crosby	100.00	100.67	3.00	3.50	100.17
Willis H. Scott	75.00	75.43	2.26	2.50	75.19
Herbert F. Chase	100.00	100.77	3.00	3.50	100.27
Joseph H. Leavitt—Daniel Leavitt Lot	100.00	100.73	3.00	3.50	100.23
William Betts	150.00	150.60	4.50	5.00	150.10
James D. Pike & Horace J. Batchelder	100.00	100.74	3.00	3.50	100.24

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George H. Nichols	200.00	6.00
Gustavus D. Veal—G. D. Veal & George Grant Lot	100.00	3.00
Edward G. Sherman	150.00	4.50
Charles E. Rowell	150.00	4.50
Erastus Sargent	100.00	3.50
Mary E. Robinson	150.00	4.50
Charles A. Wallace and Helen Chamberlain	100.00	3.50
Frank C. Williams	100.00	3.00
Melville A. Cunningham	100.00	3.50
Daniel H. Means	100.00	3.50
Conrad Kippengerger	50.00	2.00
Judson S. Jewett	100.00	3.00
Herbert C. Oak	150.00	4.50
Walter L. Chaloner	200.00	6.00
Benjamin Rowell	50.00	1.50
Moses Sawyer	50.00	1.50
Charles S. Lockwood	100.00	3.00
Fred B. Porter	100.00	3.00
Rufus H. Bennett	100.00	3.00
Thomas H. Hoyt	150.00	4.50
N. L. and Ella S. Howe	100.00	3.00
Edmund Ricker	100.00	3.00
Tappan Sargent and Franklin Mason	100.00	3.00
Austin Sawyer	100.00	3.00
George H. Tilton	100.70	3.00
Moses C. Flanders	50.00	1.50
Edwin F. Goodwin and Thomas Goodwin	150.00	4.50

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Fred M. Cate	100.00	100.86	3.00	3.50	100.36
Mary A. Noyes	100.00	100.45	3.00	3.00	100.45
Clara Kendall	200.00	200.80	6.00	6.50	200.30
Daniel W. Gould	100.00	100.16	3.00	3.00	100.16
David Tewksbury and Thomas Merrill	150.00	150.26	4.50	4.50	150.26
Stephen Nichols	100.00	100.14	3.00	3.00	100.14
Betsy A. Veal	100.00	100.06	3.00	3.00	100.06
Frank Hargraves	100.00	100.43	3.00	3.00	100.43
John Logan	100.00	100.11	3.00	3.00	100.11
Charles Colman	100.00	100.89	3.00	3.50	100.39
Julia Whaland	150.00	150.74	4.50	5.00	150.24
Norman S. Cole	200.00	200.37	6.00	6.00	200.37
Mary Ordway	100.00	100.85	3.00	3.50	100.35
John T. Lovett	200.00	200.47	6.00	6.00	200.47
William H. Franklin	300.00	300.73	9.00	9.50	300.23
Helen G. Linden	100.00	100.00	3.00	3.00	100.00
Clifton B. Heath	150.00	150.72	4.50	5.00	150.22
Mary Sargent—Orlando Sargent	100.00	100.68	3.00	3.50	100.18
John K. Sargent	100.00	100.54	3.00	3.50	100.04
Mary H. Sargent—Hayden Sargent	100.00	100.50	3.00	3.50	100.00

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Roswell J. Eaton	3.00
John E. Currier—Joshua Currier	5.00
John E. Currier	4.50
Single Graves	3.76
Anne M. Sargent—John L. Sargent	4.80
Fred R. Weed	5.00
Mary J. Murphy—J. H. Murphy Lot	3.00
Edward H. Preble	3.76
Edwin S. Lane	3.00
Eldridge D. Young	3.00
Mary E. Hcyt	150.00
Harriet E. Story—F. A. Sargent and Story Lot	100.00
Phillip E. Quimby	100.00
Rebecca P. Little—Arthur Sargent & Ed. Sargent Lot	200.00
Clarence T. Allison	100.00
Sarah B. Titcomb and Eva J. Titcomb	300.00
John Heald—Isaac Heald Lot	200.00
Jennie S. Prescott—George S. Prescott	100.00
Annie Tuttle—A. Small—Lawson Lot	100.00
Benjamin F. Sargent	300.00
Ralph H. Sargent	100.00
Fullington Ashley Lot	100.00
Laura Patten—T. Hayden Patten	200.00
George T. Crouse	100.00
Nellie M. Hall—Thomas Fraser Lot	100.00
Lottie Hopkins—Nichols—Hopkins Lot	100.00

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Louise C. Brackett—William Russell Lot	100.00	100.87	3.00	3.50	100.37
Marion Armstrong—Armstrong & McInnis Lot	400.00	400.73	12.00	12.50	400.23
Theodore L. Hayes	200.00	200.87	6.00	6.50	200.37
Frank M. Haynes	100.00	100.31	3.00	3.00	100.31
F. L. Parker	150.00	150.11	4.50	4.50	150.11
Dr. F. E. Sweetsir	450.00	450.28	13.50	13.50	450.28
William N. Pettigrew	100.00	100.75	3.00	3.50	100.25
Fred S. Hardwick	150.00	150.12	4.50	4.50	150.12
J. Melvin Clement	100.00	100.65	3.00	3.50	100.15
Edwin S. McKay	100.00	100.53	3.00	3.50	100.03
Harry A. Stickney	150.00	150.27	4.50	4.50	150.27
B. F. Hardwick	150.00	150.05	4.50	4.50	150.05
Emma L. Sargent—Orlando Sargent Lot	150.00	150.37	4.50	4.50	150.37
Emma L. Sargent—O. F. Seavey Lot	150.00	150.57	4.50	5.00	150.07
Elsie G. Mathews—Elmer Grant Lot	200.00	200.01	6.00	6.00	200.01
Sarah A. Spillers—Frank Burnham Lot	200.00	200.34	6.00	6.00	200.34
Lettie F. Whitney—Herbert Whitney Lot	300.00	300.24	9.00	9.00	300.24
Fred W. Mathison	100.00	100.32	3.00	3.00	100.32
Minnie A. Chapman—Judson Webster Lot	125.00	125.03	3.76	3.50	125.29
Frederick W. Carter	200.00	200.61	6.00	6.50	200.11
Ethel A. Goodwin—Charles Goodwin Lot	200.00	200.05	6.00	6.00	200.05

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Lucy J. Bagley—Mrs. Clarence Bagley Lot	100.00	3.00	100.02
Samuel W. Condon	400.00	12.00	400.28
Samuel L. Porter—Joseph Porter Lot	150.00	4.50	150.29
Benjamin B. Wood	200.00	6.00	200.07
May Belle Brown	100.00	100.43	100.43
Norman M. Hunter—A. Goodwin Lot	200.00	200.25	200.25
Ida C. Tobey	100.00	100.89	100.39
John E. Bean	75.00	2.26	75.41
Mary E. Tuxbury	150.00	4.50	150.35
Maud G. Carter	100.00	100.06	100.06
Georgia G. Patten—Hayden Patten Lot	100.00	3.00	100.09
Frank Glines—Glines—Bartlett	150.00	150.10	150.12
William Evans—Lucien Chapin Lot	50.00	50.43	50.43
William Dwyer	50.00	50.32	50.32
Delma Black, Adelina T. Jones Lot	100.00	100.90	100.40
Ruth Hargraves	100.00	100.13	100.13
Jennie Chase—Moses Stevens Lot	100.00	100.81	100.31
Richard E. Sargent—E. Fieldsend Lot	100.00	100.76	100.26
Richard E. Sargent	125.00	125.49	125.25
Eva J. Grant	100.00	100.77	100.27
Clara Foster—John Foster Lot	200.00	200.28	200.28
Jeannette E. Whittier—Wendell B. Whittier	150.00	150.25	150.25
Luther W. Bridges—E. C. Bridges, J. Whitman	150.00	150.68	150.18
William S. Tuckwell—Newton Tuckwell Lot	50.00	50.93	50.43
William S. Tuckwell—S. S. Tuckwell Lot	50.00	50.93	50.43
Abbie W. Sargent—Alexander Smart Lot	225.00	225.86	225.12
Francis P. Clement	200.00	200.78	200.28
Wilbur H. Colby—Joseph Colby Lot	200.00	6.00	6.50
		200.55	200.05

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Katherine F. MacMasters	150.00	150.48	4.50	4.50	150.48
Louise A. Thacher	200.00	200.11	6.00	6.00	200.11
Willie Colby—Warren Colby Lot	100.00	100.90	3.00	3.50	100.40
Willie Colby—William H. Colby Lot	100.00	100.85	3.00	3.50	100.35
Alice E. Purdy	150.00	150.32	4.50	4.50	150.32
John S. Poyen	500.00	500.60	15.00	15.50	500.10
Anna Bird	200.00	200.28	6.00	6.00	200.28
Pearl M. Stevens	150.00	150.07	4.50	4.50	150.07
Fred O. Bailey	200.00	200.46	6.00	6.00	200.46
Charles L. Waterhouse	150.00	150.32	4.50	4.50	150.32
Sarah K. Noyes	100.00	100.98	3.00	3.50	100.48
Clarence W. Crosby	150.00	150.83	4.50	5.00	150.33
Donald E. Stevens—Charles Stevens Lot	300.00	300.02	9.00	9.00	300.02
Edith E. Wood—James Wood Lot	150.00	150.50	4.50	5.00	150.00
Augustus N. Parry—John and Louise Elliott	100.00	100.05	3.00	3.00	100.05
Dustin Hall and B. Frost	400.00	400.44	12.00	12.00	400.44
Charles L. Waterhouse—Almon Waterhouse Lot	150.00	150.21	4.50	4.50	150.21
Charles L. Waterhouse—Moses Sargent Lot	150.00	150.83	4.50	5.00	150.33
Leon L. Dow	200.00	200.09	6.00	6.00	200.09
Harry W. Bailey—Richard Bailey	200.00	200.23	6.00	6.00	200.23

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George S. Nelson—Brown—Nelson	100.00	3.00
Edith A. Wood—George T. Goldsmith	150.00	5.00
Pollie C. Grant—F. C. Grant Lot	150.00	4.50
Sarah Anderson—Moses Evans—Moses Hoyt Lot	100.00	1.00
Clara E. Patten—Patten Clement Lot	200.00	200.12
Byron Sargent	300.00	300.53
Alice Mercer	200.00	200.84
William Cleary	200.00	200.79
John A. Tidd	200.00	200.56
Nellie Newhall	200.00	200.53
Sadie Hopkins—J. Danforth	100.00	100.07
Charles A. Bacon	150.00	150.33
William D. Large	150.00	150.29
Maude Adams	200.00	200.93
Charles L. Waterhouse	100.00	100.50
The Olive S. Wilde Fund—Morse—Wilde	300.00	300.91
Mable Betters—George Betters Lot	250.00	250.29
Zenas Lovell	200.00	200.28
Parker Walton	200.00	200.10
Estate of William Tuckwell	200.00	200.65
Esther M. Gormley—Katherine Connor Lot	150.00	150.08
Henrietta Anderson—Samuel Goodwin Lot	150.00	150.08
Anderson Heaton	50.00	50.83
Mary E. Chaff	100.00	100.64
Cora L. Wadleigh—D. Porter Wadleigh	150.00	150.41
Grace L. MacDonald—John Colman Lot	150.00	150.20
George Hosford	200.00	200.81

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A. W. Chase	100.00	100.36	3.00	3.00	100.36
A. Merrill Howe	200.00	200.79	6.00	6.50	200.29
Luella Cunningham	200.00	200.59	6.00	6.50	200.09
Imogene Pettigrew	150.00	150.63	4.50	5.00	150.13
Frances and Bernard Bailey	150.00	150.83	4.50	5.00	150.33
Sybil A. Schiavoni	100.00	100.62	3.00	3.50	100.12
Mary C. Smith	200.00	200.45	6.00	6.00	200.45
Alberta Perreault	150.00	150.72	4.50	5.00	150.22
George W. J. Murphy	200.00	200.96	6.00	6.50	200.46
Harriet E. Cupples	500.00	500.31	15.00	15.00	500.31
Eva L. Lavalley	200.00	200.70	6.00	6.50	200.20
Isaiah S. McClure	100.00	100.58	3.00	3.50	100.08
Minnie Morrison, George M. Eaton, John E. Trull Estate of J. E. Kemp	200.00	200.44	6.00	6.00	200.44
F. Leslie Viccaro	150.00	150.74	4.50	5.00	150.24
George E. Franklin	150.00	150.32	4.50	4.50	150.32
Stella Shorts	150.00	150.40	4.53	4.50	150.43
Gertrude L. Williams	200.00	200.94	6.05	6.50	200.49
William Lamb	35.00	35.35	1.06	1.00	35.41
Ellen G. Heath	400.00	400.16	12.09	12.00	400.25
Ernest P. Dill	300.00	300.20	9.06	9.00	300.26
Emma L. Randall	300.00	300.27	9.06	9.00	300.33

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Rudolph J. & Vivian Woyvoda	200.00	200.32
William H. Churchill	200.00	200.33
The Ada Seymore Trust	50.00	50.06
Helen F. Luev	300.00	300.43
Carleton C. Witham	200.00	200.11
Charles E. Colman	200.00	200.11
Albert Ellis	150.00	150.26
William Rowell and William Sayre	300.00	300.03
Ralph and Minnie Sargent	300.00	300.42
Pearle Kinney—Harry Kinney	200.00	200.41
Ida E. Cushing	300.00	300.32
George W. Earl	300.00	300.70
George W. Evans	300.00	300.09
Samuel Colby	100.00	100.25
Burton Colby	100.00	100.25
Nettie Morse	200.00	200.05
James T. Colgan	200.00	200.78
Kenneth and Marion Haskell	200.00	200.00
Clarence V. Huntriss and William Andrews	300.00	300.50
Florence Lee	100.00	100.47
Charles Vincent	250.00	250.01
Francis MacDonald	150.00	150.96
Follansbee Nichols lot	300.00	300.67
Charles Odiorne	100.00	100.86
Bertha Clarke	300.00	300.07
E. D. Ovington	200.00	200.07
Bertha M. Wiggin	300.00	300.27

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	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1958
Will G. Sprague	200.00	200.80	6.00	6.50	200.30
Merrill I. Goldsmith	150.00	150.21	4.50	4.50	150.21
Dale W. Blackden	300.00	300.47	9.00	9.00	300.47
Stephen Kelley	200.00	200.80	6.00	6.50	200.30
Flora Clement	100.00	100.38	3.00	3.00	100.38
Heman W. Kelley	200.00	200.80	6.00	6.50	200.30
Mabel A. Bailey	200.00	200.80	6.00	6.50	200.30
Sylvia Hidden	50.00	50.43	1.50	1.50	50.43
Edwin H. Armstrong	600.00	600.00	18.00	18.00	600.00
Doris Connor	50.00	50.07	1.50	1.50	50.07
S. S. Thompson	300.00	300.29	9.00	9.00	300.29
Charles Staples	150.00	150.04	4.50	4.50	150.04
George Clough	300.00	300.08	9.00	9.00	300.08
Ada Calhoun	200.00	200.38	6.00	6.00	200.38
Ernest Hewson	300.00	300.35	9.00	9.00	300.35
Walter H. Sargent	200.00	200.92	6.02	6.50	200.44
P. Clyde Smith	200.00	200.51	6.00	6.50	200.01
Sally Winn	150.00	150.79	4.50	5.00	150.29
Harold Martin	400.00	400.35	12.00	12.00	400.35

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Mary Hughes	300.00	9.50	300.10
Thomas Wright	100.00	3.00	100.20
Mrs. Arthur Lockwood	200.00	6.00	200.03
C. W. Streeter	200.00	6.00	200.02
C. R. Howe	200.00	6.00	200.02
Alfred M. Lake	300.00	9.00	300.02
Francis Beckford	300.00	9.00	300.00
A. Palmer & F. Hargraves	200.00	6.00	200.00
J. Duncan Howe	300.00	9.00	300.25
John Hughes	200.00	6.00	200.50
E. A. & A. H. Metcalf	200.00	6.00	200.00
Walter Downing	50.00	50.00	50.25
Muriel J. Harkins	50.00	50.00	1.25
Alfred Bailey	200.00	200.00	1.00
William Sutherland	200.00	4.50	4.50
Walter Killian	100.00	2.25	2.00

New Bequests 1958

Roland Morin	300.00	4.75	4.50	300.25
Ethel Whiting	300.00	3.75	3.50	300.25
Henry Crosby	100.00	.50		100.50
Elsie Ulm	150.00			150.00
Arthur Hargraves	100.00			100.00

\$55,990.95 \$ 1,650.48 \$ 1,720.00 \$55,921.43

RECAPITULATION

Balance January 1, 1958	\$ 55,040.95
New Bequests	950.00
Interest Income 1958	1,650.48

	\$ 57,641.43
Withdrawals 1958	\$ 1,720.00

	\$ 55,921.43

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$119,126.09	Harry Robinson Lot	\$ 1,500.00
Stabilization Fund .....		..... 16,540.68	
Income War Bonds .....		..... 703.88	
Library Funds .....		..... 3,400.00	
Thomas Hoyt Library Funds .....		..... 27,507.34	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....		..... 55,921.43	
Kimball Park Funds .....		..... 3,249.36	
Merrimac School Renovations or Additions		..... 10,303.40	

		\$119,126.09	

PURCHASE BONDS FOR MERRIMAC SCHOOL RENOVATIONS OR ADDITIONS

Purchase In 1957	\$ 5,000.00
Interest In 1957 .....	..... 75.00
Purchase In 1958 .....	..... 5,000.00
Interest In 1958 .....	..... 228.40

	\$ 10,303.40

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1957	Added in 1958	Interest 1958	Balance Dec. 31, 1958
Electric Light Depreciation Funds				
Provident Institution Amesbury	\$ 4,306.81	\$ 5,547.08	\$ 130.16	\$ 4,436.97
Merrimac Savings Bank	24,369.15		736.55	30,652.78

	\$ 28,675.96	\$ 5,547.08	\$ 866.71	\$ 35,089.75

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	Added in 1958	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1957	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1958
Nichols Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 500.00
James D. Whittier	457.07	500.00	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00
D. J. Poore	500.00	500.00	15.11	15.11	500.00	500.00
A. E. Goodwin	200.00	200.00	6.05	6.05	200.00	200.00
Laura Patten	1,000.00	1,000.00	30.00	30.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Willie Colby	200.00	200.00	6.05	6.05	200.00	200.00
Dr. Henry J. Cushing	500.00	500.00	15.11	15.11	500.00	500.00
Thomas H. Hoyt	14,772.42	444.29	415.63	625.00	15,007.34	
Added to Hoyt Fund Merrimac ..	\$415.63					
Balances in Merrimac Savings Bank		\$ 18,172.42	\$ 962.24	\$ 727.32	\$ 18,407.34	
Haverhill Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund		5,000.00	162.50	162.50	5,000.00	
Danvers Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund		7,500.00	253.13	253.13	7,500.00	
		\$ 30,672.42	\$ 1,377.87	\$ 1,142.95	\$ 30,907.34	
RECAPITULATION						
Balances December 31, 1957					\$ 30,672.42	
Interest 1958					1,377.87	
Withdrawals					\$ 32,050.29	
					\$ 1,142.95	
Balances December 31, 1958					\$ 30,907.34	

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KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1957	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1958
Amos Weed	\$ 2,099.45	\$ 63.44	\$ 50.00	\$2,112.89
Judith Kimball	1,103.13	33.34	—	1,136.47
	—	—	—	—
	\$ 3,202.58	\$ 96.78	\$ 50.00	\$3,249.36

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1958	\$ 683.23
Interest 1958	20.65

Balance December 31, 1958	\$ 703.88

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance December 31, 1957	.....	\$ 16,055.41
Interest 1958 .....	.....	485.27
Balance December 31, 1958	.....	\$ 16,540.68

HARRY ROBINSON LOT

Balance January 1, 1958	\$ 1,500.00
Interest 1958	45.00

	\$ 1,545.00
Withdrawals 1958	45.00

	\$ 1,500.00

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1958

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ASSETS

	LIABILITIES
Cash Balance	\$102,214.97
Cash Light Depreciation	35,089.75
Petty Cash Advance Town Office	10.00
Petty Cash Advance Light & Water	125.00
Petty Cash Advance Tax Collector	25.00
Personal 1955	511.20
Real 1955	14.40
Poll 1956	22.00
Personal 1956	216.88
Real 1956	222.42
Poll 1957	26.00
Personal 1957	1,487.48
Real 1957	4,523.17
Poll 1958	114.00
Personal 1958	2,826.33
Real 1958	37,641.53
Excise 1955	531.72
Excise 1956	1,512.06
Excise 1957	2,448.88
Excise 1958	11,780.48
Tax Titles	8,756.74
Tax Possessions	2,811.57
Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	\$ 160.00
Consumer Deposits	678.08
State Parks & Reservations	15.16
Essex County T. B. Hospital	2,098.83
Road Machinery	923.50
Overlay Surplus	1,413.12
Overlay 1955	95.40
Overlay 1956	700.36
Overlay 1957	8,525.20
Overlay 1958	6,802.28
Excise Revenue	16,273.14
Tax Title Revenue	11,568.31
Departmental Revenue	963.25
Light Revenue	2,721.46
Water Revenue	1,136.16
State & County Aid to Highway Revenue	10,332.39
Surplus Revenue	87,836.46
Sale of Lots 1958	225.00
Old Age Recovery Funds	16,510.56
Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,200.00
School Athletics	20.63
School Lunch	814.75

Welfare Accounts, Receivable	343.75	Cert. to Treas. Tax Title Foreclosure	36.00
A. D. C. Accounts Receivable	619.50	Tailings Unclaimed Consumer Deposits ..	104.52
Light Accounts Receivable, Light	2,578.95	Farm Animal Excise 1957	43.02
Light Accounts Receivable, Misc.	142.51	Farm Animal Excise Revenue	37.30
Water Accounts Receivable, Rates	756.92	Highway Chapter 90, Construction	943.09
Water Accounts Receivable, Misc.	379.24	Surface Drain	1,474.54
State Aid to Highways Accounts Receivable, Chapter 81	6,832.39	D. A. U. S.	855.05
State & County Aid to Highways Accounts Receivable, Chapter 90	3,500.00	D. A. Admx.	470.54
County Taxes	1,093.50	A. D. C. U. S.	580.15
Farm Animal Excise 1958	80.32	A. D. C. Admx. U. S.	989.76
		Old Age Assistance U. S.	4,460.89
		Old Age Assistance Admx. U. S.	2,980.82
		Kimball Park	50.78
		Civil Defense	973.56
		Light Maintenance, Operation & Debt	6,464.83
		Light Depreciation Fund	35,089.75
		Light Ex. Birch Meadow to Heath Rd. ..	669.79
		Care Harry J. Robinson Lot .....	.23
			\$229,238.66
			\$229,238.66

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33

July 18, 1958

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. George J. P. Stevens, Chairman

Merrimac, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the fiscal year 1957, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the fiscal year 1957, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer, while the recorded disbursements were checked with the treasury warrants and with the record of payments by the treasurer.

The appropriations and transfers, as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and from the records of the finance committee, were checked with the appropriation accounts in the accountant's ledger.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1957.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and compared with the records of payments to the treasurer by the several departments and with other sources from which the town received money, while the recorded payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants and with the accountant's books.

The cash book was footed, and the cash balance on February 11, 1958 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were personally examined and listed. The income was proved, and all transactions and balances were verified and checked with the books of the town accountant.

The tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were listed from the records of the treasurer, and all transactions pertaining thereto were verified and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists were audited and reconciled with the warrants issued for their collection.

The recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

The collector's cash books were footed, and the cash balance on February 11, 1957, including the petty cash advance, was verified by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

It is recommended that prompt action be taken to obtain settlement of the past due tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts.

The books and accounts of the municipal light and water departments were examined and checked. An analyses was made of the charges, collections, abatements, etc. The recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash balance on February 11, 1958 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office.

Verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding tax and departmental accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as by the police, health, school, library, and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the financial officials bonded for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, tax title, tax possessions, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the several trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation extended by all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM SCHWATZ

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Assistant Director of Accounts

TOWN OF MERRIMAC
Balance Sheet — December 31, 1957
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:	
General,	\$112,995.30
Special:	
Municipal Light Dep., ...	
Advance for Petty: Selectmen,\$ 10.00	28,675.96
Tax Collector,\$ 25.00	
Electric Light and Water Department, ...	125.00
	\$ 160.00
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1954:	
Personal Property,\$ 455.10	
Real Estate,\$ 11.84	
Levy of 1955:	
Personal Property,\$ 540.00	
Real Estate,\$ 140.40	
Levy of 1956:	
Poll,\$ 22.00	
Personal Property,\$ 1,536.99	
Real Estate,\$ 2,671.50	

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Guarantee Deposits:	
Municipal Light,	\$ 423.08
Tailings:	
Unclaimed Checks, Etc., ...	\$ 104.52
Trust Fund Income:	
Kimball Park,	\$ 45.98
Recoveries:	
Old Age Assistance,	\$ 4,555.00
Federal Grants:	
Disability Assistance: Administration,	\$ 449.46
Assistance,	\$ 607.05
Aid to Dependent Children:	
Administration,	\$ 934.48
Aid,	\$ 537.83
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration,	\$ 2,434.18
Assistance,	\$ 3,958.86
	\$ 8,921.86
Revolving Funds:	
School Lunch,	\$ 1,749.91
School Athletics,	\$ 170.05
	\$ 1,919.96

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Appropriation Balances:

Levy of 1957:		
Poll,	200.00	
Personal Property,	244.32	
Real Estate,	23,602.87	
	<hr/> \$ 31,425.02	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1954,	\$ 489.30	
Levy of 1955,	985.29	
Levy of 1956,	1,872.88	
Levy of 1957,	11,984.14	
	<hr/> \$ 15,331.61	
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1957,	\$ 105.22	
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles,	\$ 8,683.11	
Tax Possessions,	2,811.57	
	<hr/> \$ 11,494.68	
Departmental:		
General Relief,	\$ 95.43	
Aid to Dependent Children,	257.23	
Old Age Assistance,	110.85	
	<hr/> \$ 463.51	
Municipal Light:		
Rates,	\$ 4,015.29	
Miscellaneous,	189.85	
	<hr/> \$ 4,205.14	
Water:		
Rates,	\$ 1,039.05	
Miscellaneous,	402.56	
	<hr/> \$ 1,441.61	
		<hr/> \$ 41,194.11

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Aid to Highways:			
State,	\$ 7,497.13	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances,	\$ 160.00
County,	655.21	Surplus Revenue,	\$ 87,220.59
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Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:			
Underestimates 1957 Assessments:			
State:			
Recreation Areas,	\$ 37.19		
County:			
Tax,	1,276.06		
Hospital,	204.90		
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		\$ 1,518.15	

Overlay Deficits:			
Levy of 1954,	\$ 34.04		
Levy of 1955,	376.60		
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		\$ 410.64	
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			\$ 216,379.18

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit:	Inside Debt Limit:
General,	\$ 27,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	Outside Debt Limit:
General,	\$210,000.00
Public Service Enterprise, ..	22,000.00
	\$232,000.00
Serial Loans:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General:	
School,	\$ 27,000.00
Public Service Enterprise:	
Municipal Light,	8,000.00
Water,	14,000.00
	\$232,000.00
	\$259,000.00
	\$259,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

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Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer,

\$112,229.59

In Custody of Treasurer:

School Funds:

Building Renovation,

\$ 5,075.00

Library Funds:

Willie Colby,

\$ 200.00

Dr. Harry J. Cushing,

\$ 500.00

A. E. Goodwin,

\$ 200.00

Thomas H. Hoyt,

\$ 27,272.42

Nichols Memorial,

\$ 500.00

Laura Patten,

\$ 1,000.00

D. J. Poore,

\$ 500.00

James D. Whittier,

\$ 500.00

\$ 30,672.42

Park Funds:

Judith Kimball,

\$ 1,103.13

Amos Weed,

\$ 2,099.45

\$ 3,202.58

Cemetery Funds:

Perpetual Care,

\$ 55,040.95

Harry J. Robinson -

\$ 1,500.00

\$ 56,540.95

Investment Funds:

Post - War Rehabilitation, \$ 683.23

Stabilization,

\$ 16,055.41

\$ 16,738.64

\$112,229.59

\$112,229.59

VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION**March 3, 1958**

Votes Cast (Men 379, Women 359), Total 738

Moderator, for one year:

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	607
Blanks	131

Town Clerk, for one year:

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church St.	635
Blanks	103

Selectmen, for one year:

Ralph L. Buzzell, 63 School Street	527
Hazen M. Emery, 15 Judkins Court	438
George J. P. Stevens, Birch Meadow Road	552
Carey A. Reynolds, 9 Woodland Street	125
George E. Lay	1
Blanks	521

Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

Hazen M. Emery, 15 Judkins Court	606
Marian A. Haskell, Bear Hill Road	546
Jean S. Stuart, Sawyer Street	517
Blanks	545

Assessor, for three years

Alvin F. Heath, 33 Grove Street	596
Blanks	142

Assessor, for one year:

George P. Hardie, 30 Church Street	585
Blanks	153

Treasurer, for one year:	
Roy C. Journeay, 10 Prospect Street	616
Blanks	122
Collector of Taxes, for three years:	
Wilfred G. Journeay, 28 Grove Street	616
Blanks	122
School Committee, for three years:	
Irving A. Blake, 7 Judkins Court	631
Blanks	107
Trustee of Cemeteries, for three years:	
Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street	611
Blanks	127
Library Trustees, for three years:	
Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	581
Alvin F. Heath, 33 Grove Street	558
Blanks	337
Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years:	
Gordon Rines Appointed Trustee Kimball Park	
Marjorie Staples	1
H. D. Lay	1
Gordon Rines	1
Irvine Burbeck	1
Walter Calnan	1
Blanks	733
Trustee of Kimball Park, for two years:	
Arthur L. Douglass, 39 Main Street	523
Blanks	215
Light Commissioner, for three years:	
Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street	334
Thomas E. Linehan, 4 Main Street	213
Willard C. Gowen, 32 Woodland Street	130
Blanks	61

Water Commissioner, for three years:

Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street	379
Thomas E. Linehan, 4 Main Street	278
Blanks	81

Water Commissioner, for two years:

Robert C. Young, Birch Meadow Road	479
Willard C. Gowen, 32 Woodland Street	187
Blanks	82

Constables, for one year:

George R. Buzzell, Sr., 33 School Street	604
Ronald C. Sarasin, 65 Church Street	556
Albert W. Lord, Heath Road	519
Blanks	535

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, for one year:

R. Sargent	1
Ralph L. Buzzell	1
Edson Walker	1
Robert K. Silvia	1
Harrison DeLong	1
Blanks	2209

Tree Warden, for one year:

Harold K. Joralmont, 82 River Road	594
Blanks	144

Playground Commission, for five years:

George J. P. Stevens, Birch Meadow Road	623
Blanks	115

Planning Board, for five years:

Peter F. Smiles, 30 River Road	558
Blanks	180

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**Monday, March 2, 1959**

Essex, ss.

To Alexander M. Sullivan, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall on

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1959

at Five Forty-Five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1 To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, Three Selectmen for one year, three members of the Department of Public Welfare for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for one year, Treasurer for one year, two members of the School Committee for three years, Trustee of Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, Trustee of Kimball Park for two years, one Commissioner of Playground for five years, one Commissioner of Municipal Light for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, Tree Warden for one year, and one member of the Planning Board for five years.

Article 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners and raise and appropriate sums of money, therefore.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1959 and make appropriations for same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep Road Machinery in operation.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1960 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the supervision of the Selectmen for any necessary repairs or other expense to Tax Possessions.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets or take action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$650.00) for the Board of Registrars expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 Acts and Resolves of the General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1959.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars, (\$225.00) for the sale of cemetery lots such sum or part thereof to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "care, improvement and embellishment" of said cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet such legal expenses as may occur due to suits or other action against the town or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to make necessary repairs in, on, or around the Town Hall or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from free cash in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1959 tax rate.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Highway Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00) to pay the salary of the Veterans Service officer.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$250.00) for expenses of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be paid the Essex County Retirement Board for various funds of the Essex County Retirement System.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to reserve surplus water revenue for the water department and determine how any deficit in the water revenue shall be provided for, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,300.00 for the maintenance and operation of the water department and to pay any water loan that may be due in the year 1959, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, water surplus or water revenue; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of water meters. Said amount to be raised by state bonds on a ten year basis. Payments of \$3,000.00 per year plus interest to be paid from the operating fund of the water department or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24 On petition of Luella F. Robinson and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Sixty Six Cents, (\$1,182.66) to install 6 inch water pipe in the ground from the corner of Sunset Terrace and Emery Street along Sunset Terrace to the residence in front of Philip Darbe a distance of approximately 351 feet or take action relative thereto.

Article 25. On petition of Carroll C. Riley and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand nine hundred twenty five dollars, (\$2,925.00) to install a six inch water main from Birchmeadow Road to the Riley Farm, a distance of approximately one thousand feet, and to install one hydrant, to be paid by a State Bond on a three year basis, from the maintenance fund of the Water Department.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the Welfare Agent's salary for the year 1959 or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00) for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Stanley F. Wood Post No. 134, American Legion Merrimac, Mass. as provided for under Section 9 of Chapter 40 General Laws.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for control of Dutch Elm Disease, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars, (\$17,000.00) to pay notes due for Elementary School Construction in the year 1959.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars, (\$100.00) for salary of Dog Officer for the year 1959.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Director of Civil Defense and the supervision of the Selectmen for Civil Defense or take action in relation thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, said amount to be spent for salaries to instructors for Supervised Play at the Merrimac Playground, under the jurisdiction of the Merrimac Playground Commission.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen for Christmas Lighting, Parade and other expenses.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate including the appropriation from Post War Rehabilitation Fund for Regional School, the sum of One Hundred twenty nine thousand Eight hundred eighty five dollars and twenty seven cents, (\$129,885.27), said amount to be paid as Merrimac's portion of the Pentucket Regional School District budget for 1959, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Planning Board for any expenses that they may have in 1959.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a certain sum of the excess and deficiency fund for the purchase of bonds. The proceeds of the sale of bonds to be appropriated for renovations or additions to Merrimac School Buildings.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for maintenance of the dump or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Electric Light Operating balance, said sum to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1959.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for any expenses that the Board of Appeals may have.

Article 41. To hear the report of the School Building Needs Committee and determine what action the Town votes to take in relation thereto.

Article 42. On petition of Margaret H. Melanson and others to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to include in the Annual Town Report, the Assessors valuation lists of the preceding year.

Article 43. To see if the Town will grant to NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, a Massachusetts corporation, its successors and assigns, with quit-claim covenants, the perpetual right and easement to construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain, operate and patrol, for the transmission of high and low voltage electric current and for the telephone use, lines of towers or poles or both (which may be erected at different times), with wires and cables strung upon and from the same, and all necessary foundations, anchors, guys, braces, fittings, equipment and appurtenances, including a buried ground wire, over, across and upon a strip of its land 200 feet in width, in Merrimac, Essex County, Massachusetts, said strip to commence at land now or formerly of Helen A. Grogan and extend to land now or formerly of Robert N. Pender, Sr. et al, all as shown on plan entitled: "PLAN SHOWING EASEMENT ACROSS LANDING MERRIMAC, MASS. TO BE CONVEYED TO NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC."

Also the perpetual right and easement from time to time, without further payment thereof; to clear and keep cleared said strip of trees, under brush and structures

(the first clearing may be for less than the full width and may be widened from time to time to the full width), and to renew, replace, add to and otherwise change the lines, and each and every part thereof, and the location thereof within said strip, and to pass along said strip to and from the adjoining lands and to pass over the Grantor's land to and from said strip as reasonable required, and to authorize the Selectmen in consideration of the payment to the Town of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$750.00) to execute, seal acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town to NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY an easement deed conveying the rights as aforesaid.

Article 44. On petition of Norman F. Bishop and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide necessary catch basins and connecting pipe for drainage of Merrimac Avenue located at Lake Attitash Park section a distance of Approximately 400 feet or take action relative thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to inactivate the Fire Station at Merrimacport, or take action relative thereto.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a Fire Truck to be garaged at the Central Fire Station and to transfer the 1924 Seagraves Suburbanite to the Merrimacport Station, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers to dispose of the 1926 Reo Fire Truck now housed at the Merrimacport Station, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 48. To see what action the Town wishes to take in regards to the establishment of a necessary quorum for holding a Special Town Meeting.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept Champion Street, from Emery Street, a distance of 426.17 feet, forty feet wide or take action relative thereto, this street as shown on map filed with Town Clerk.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept Glenn Road, from Champion Street, 408.44 feet in length and forty feet wide or take action relative thereto, this road as shown on map filed with Town Clerk.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Chapter 718 a sum of money to construct Vendome Street or take action relative thereto.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars and fifty cents, (\$1,500.50) to meet Merrimac's assessment under the Essex County Mosquito Control project, under chapter 516 Acts 1958.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars, (\$600.00) to complete drainage from Summer Street through Vendome Street to Woodland Street.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars, (\$125.00) for repairing the interior of the Police Station or take any action relative thereto.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Elementary School Building Committee of seven members to be chosen by the Moderator or take any action relative thereto.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Elementary School Building Committee to expend Ten Thousand Dollars, (\$10,000.00), said sum to be transferred from the Elementary Renovation and Addition Fund set aside for this purpose, to secure and study proposals for additional elementary classrooms, select an architect and draw up plans, and report their findings to the Town of Merrimac.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this 16th day of January, 1959

GEORGE J. P. STEVENS
HAZEN M. EMERY
RALPH L. BUZZELL
Selectmen of Merrimac

A true copy: Attest:

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN,
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN,
Constable
Merrimac, Mass., January 16, 1959

In Memoriam

ALMORE I. NASH

1865 - 1958

Born, Nobleboro, Maine.

Died, Bristol, New Hampshire.

Resident of Merrimac, Mass. several years, engaged in real estate business.

Member of Merrimac Finance Committee 1936 and 1937.

MRS. ELLEN M. WALLACE

1869 - 1958

Born, West Amesbury, now Merrimac, January 31, 1869.

Graduate, Merrimac High School.

Married Charlie Wallace of Merrimac.

Member of Merrimac Board of Public Welfare 23 years, 1933 - 1956.

Also a member of Merrimac Board of Old Age Assistance many years.

GEORGE B. CROFUT

1882 - 1958

Born, Connecticut, 1882.

Resident of Merrimac, Mass. over 70 years.

Market gardener.

Selectman of Merrimac, Mass. 1920 and 1921.

Merrimac Assessor 28 years, 1925 - 1953.

In Memoriam

CHARLES A. LANCASTER

1869 - 1958

Born, West Amesbury, now Merrimac, Mass. February 13, 1869.

Attended Merrimac Public Schools, Phillips Exeter Academy and Dean Academy and was graduated from Bryant-Stratton School of Business Administration, Boston, Mass.

Associated in business in Merrimac with his father in J. A. Lancaster & Co. as carriage builders until 1908; then from 1908 - 1926 operated the Colfax Co. in South Bend, Indiana.

Was manager of the Y. M. C. A. in South Bend, Indiana a few years.

Before 1900 was President of the National Association of Carriage Builders in the United States one year.

Member of Merrimac, Mass. School Committee, 1903, 1904 and 1905.

Merrimac Water and Light Commissioner in 1907 and 1927 - 1949.

Merrimac Cemetery Trustee 1927 - 1949.

Died at Amesbury, Mass. October 31, 1958, burial in Locust Grove Cemetery, Merrimac, Mass. the land of which cemetery was given by his father J. Austin Lancaster to the town of Merrimac, Mass.

In Memoriam

DR. PHILIP C. MEANS

1872 - 1958

Born, West Amesbury, now Merrimac, Mass. October 11, 1872.

Graduate Merrimac High School.

Graduate Harvard Medical School 1903.

Lieut. Colonel Army Medical Corps. World War 1 (and in Reserve Corps. inactive since 1919).

Resided in Santa Barbara, California 1919 - 1943.

Was Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat section of the Embarkation Hospital at Newport News.

State President of California Reserve Officers Association in 1928.

Past Commander of American Legion Post in Santa Barbara.

President of Santa Barbara Board of Education 1926-1932.

Returned to Merrimac, Mass. and resided here 1943-1946 and served on the Merrimac School Committee two years.

Returned to California in 1946 and retired and lived in Chula Vista, California until his death Nov. 3, 1958.

In Memoriam

CHARLES W. CUTTS

1862 - 1958

Born, Milton Mills, N. H., October 30, 1862.

Graduate, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

Principal Merrimac, Mass. High School 1900 - 1912.

Merrimac Public Library Trustee 1908 - 1913.

Superintendent of Schools in Derry, N. H., and Hanover, N. H. and later as Professor of Economics at Keene Teachers College in Keene, N. H.

Retired 1946 and resided in Haverhill, Mass.

JOHN B. THORNE

1866 - 1958

Born, Bordentown, New Jersey, January 17, 1866.

Resident of Merrimac, Mass. over 50 years.

Salesman, Operated an auto trimming supply business in Boston, Mass. many years.

Merrimac Fire Department Engineer, 1896, 1897 and 1898.

DR. EUGENE M. GALE

Born, Amesbury, Mass. August 1891.

Graduate, Amesbury High School & Tufts Medical School. World War 1 Veteran, U. S. Army Medical Corps in France at the 44th base hospital.

Medical practitioner in and resident of Merrimac, Mass., 38 years 1920 - 1958.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

For The Year Ending December 31,

1958



SCHOOL REPORT

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 88th annual printed school report.

IRVING A. BLAKE, Chairman

VIRGINIA H. WEBSTER, Secretary

KENNETH G. FOWLE

F. N. SWEETSIR, M. D.

CARL G. OLSON

School Committee

SCHOOL OFFICERS

John C. Jakobek, Superintendent of Schools

Office Address: Main Street, West Newbury, Mass.

Telephone FOREst 3-2280

Dorothy M. Peirce, Secretary

Address: 52 West Main Street, Merrimac

Kenneth E. Haskell, Supervisor of Attendance

Address: Bear Hill Road, Merrimac

A. Frances Davis, M. D., School Physician

Address: 16 Main Street, Merrimac

Annie L. Gleed, R. N., School Nurse

Address: West Main Street, Merrimac

Working Certificates:

Helen R. Donaghue, Merrimac Elementary School

Kenneth E. Haskell, Merrimac Elementary School

Office of the Superintendent, Pentucket Regional School

SCHOOL REPORT

 DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF
HIGH SCHOOL & GRADES 7 and 8

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Yrs. in Merrimac
Principal	Edward S. Morrow	B. S. Univ. of N. H. 1943 M. Ed. 1957	11	11
English	John J. Milleravage	A. B. Boston Univ. 1946	4 resigned 3/19/58 Began 3/12/58	1
English	Faith B. Palmer	A. B. Ohio State Univ. 1942	4	4
Soc. Studies	Daniel S. Gulezian	B. A. Bowdoin 1954	4	2
French, Latin	Mary E. Doherty	A. B. Regis College 1953	4	4
Mathematics	William H. Whiting	B. A. Bowdoin 1952	2	2
Science	Joseph D. LeBlanc	B. S. Tufts College 1952	3	1
Commercial	James F. Maher	B. S. Salem Teachers 1957	1	1
Principal, English	Cornelia E. Wolfe	A. B. Boston Univ. 1931	18	13
English	Lilian Bilodeau	B. E. Plymouth N. H. Teachers 1956	2	1
Math., Phys. Ed.	Jane S. Ross	B. S. Univ. of Mass. 1952	1	1
Soc. Studies	Richard N. Michaud	B. S. Boston College 1957	1	1
Science, Phys. Ed.	Harry E. Ryerson	B. S. Defiance College 1952	3	3

MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

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Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	Bridgewater Normal 1929	20.5	12.8
Ass't Principal,	Miriam M. Felch	B. S. Kutztown, Pa., State	11	11
Remedial Reading		Teachers College 1936		
		Leave of Absence		
		9/1/57 - 8/31/58		

INTERMEDIATE UNIT:

Philip Yeaton	B. S. Univ. of N. H. 1951	1	1
Freida L. Zeidman	B. S. Boston Univ. 1958	0	0
James W. Johnston	B. S. Suffolk Univ. 1955	2	2
Margaret W. Hume	Newburyport Training, 1909	20	20
	Retired 12/31/58		
Nancy W. Ayers	B. A. Univ. of N. H. 1953	3	3
Alice L. Brown	B. A. Providence - Barrington	1	1
	Bible College 1957		

PRIMARY UNIT:

Mae Ethel Davis	Salem Normal	30.5	25.5
Charlotte R. Goltz	B. A. Wellesley 1935	4	1
Marion F. Quimby	B. S. Univ. of N. H. 1949	9	1
Florence L. Coe	Salem Teachers College 1933	10.4	3
Dorothy K. Edgerly	Salem Normal 1926	12.5	5
Ethel B. Whiting	A. B. Bates College 1913	13	13
Rosalie G. Carter	B. S. Tufts 1955	3	3
Efstathia Bliziotis	B. S. Tufts 1955	3	3
	Resigned 6/30/58		
Marie J. English	0	0	
Pauline T. Dyer	A. B. Emanuel College		1
Music & Art	B. S. Lowell Teachers College 1957		

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The report of your School Committee can be considered to include two sections. Although one part, the Report of the Pentucket Regional School Committee is not the work of this Committee alone the Pentucket Report is recommended to you for an evaluation of the progress and program of that school.

ENROLLMENTS

A total of 249 students from Merrimac were enrolled at the Pentucket Regional Juinor-Senior High School on October 1, 1958. The distribution of students by grades was: Grade 7 - 53, Grade 8 - 43, Grade 9 - 48, Grade 10 - 41, Grade 11 - 37, Grade 12 - 25, and two students attended as post graduates.

We draw to your attention the fact that in Grades 7 - 12 in the year 1948 there were 155 children. Merrimac has thus increased the number of its students 60% in ten years in these grades.

The elementary school population has grown from 279 pupils in 1948 to 412 in 1958, an increase of 44% in ten years. And by consulting the 1957 annual report of this Committee or the report of the local School Building Needs Committee both of which contain long-range pupil enrollment projections, it becomes obvious to everyone that the elementary school population will increase over 100 pupils in ten years and the secondary school population will also.

CLASSROOM SHORTAGE

These facts cannot be considered lightly. It is obvious that this town will have to take effective steps shortly to provide the necessary classroom facilities for the growing elementary school population. We refer the citizens of Merrimac to the Report of the School Building Needs Committee for a more comprehensive report on this matter.

The Merrimac Elementary School was constructed with twelve classrooms for approximately 360 pupils. The original plans called for 16 rooms but were reduced in number because of the lack of funds. There are now 412 pupils housed in this building. This was made possible by the installation of a folding partition in the all-purpose room making two additional classrooms available. This change was not a difficult one and these two makeshift classrooms are quite serviceable. However, for approximately two hours each day one class must join with another class for more or less common activities in order to make one-half of the original all-purpose room available for school lunch purposes. Further expansion of classrooms within the building is neither feasible nor desirable. Again, to prevent repetition, we refer you to the School Building Needs Committee for a thorough study of the alternatives.

CLOSING OF HIGH SCHOOL

Reviewing the year we saw the end of platooning in our local schools on June 20, 1958, with the transfer of the local junior and senior high school students to the Pentucket Regional District School in West Newbury. The high school building which served as a senior high school

in the morning and as the junior high school in the afternoon was returned to the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with custom and law. The limited size of the building, the inadequacy of the educational program and the general deterioration of the building led to a favorable vote by this town to join the Regional District in 1955. With the opening of the Regional School in September, Merrimac began transporting all its students in Grades 7 through 12 to the new school.

On June 13, 1958, the last class, consisting of 21 students graduated from Merrimac High School. The names of the graduating students were:

Edna Anne Armstrong	James Joseph Manning
Thomas Irving Atwood	Carolyn Jean Merritt
Robert Charles Calnan	Richard James Moughan
Lloyd Donald Crossman	Barbara Ann Peirce
Joanne Elizabeth Donaghue	Ginger Ann Prescott
William Henry Ferguson	Marjorie Diane Roberts
Sheela Ann Fowler	Frances Elizabeth Smith
David Wayne Grant	Lillian Smith
Marsha Joyce Hargraves	Margaret Ann Staples
Lawrence W. Ingraham	Wayne Bradley Stone
Bessie Eva Walker	

EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES

We believe that every child has the right to a sound education. Especially during the elementary grades the education of our children must be critically evaluated, for during this period changing behavior patterns can be effected. During these years the child is flexible, eager, open to suggestion and generally favorable to learning. A good foundation is likely to lead to desire for further learning. On the other hand, unpleasant experiences lead to distaste for schools and learning.

This belief has led our local school to exercise a dynamism which has permitted annual improvements in our educational program. Advantage has been taken of the growing body of psychological knowledge to adjust our program to meet individual child needs and the wishes of society. Provisions for individual differences have been instituted to permit each child to learn and develop to his capacity.

We submit that Education has had to contend with immense obstacles in its growth, since resistance to change is one of man's natural characteristics. Can we teach what was taught 100 years ago in the same way? How many of us made the bread we ate for dinner; and if we did, did we grow the wheat? How many of us made our own clothes; and if we did, did we grow the materials of which cloth is made? Shall we teach people to make a shoe from start to finish? With the rapid changes in the social, industrial and cultural changes, education has had to adapt its methods and procedures.

The report of the elementary school principal describes the reorganized instructional program for Grades 4 to 6 in the Elementary School. This program coupled with the Primary Plan for Grades 1 through 3, has given the local elementary program the best possible educational basis available.

We believe that every child should be taught by well-trained, professional, devoted teachers; that good teachers must be supported by a competent administrative staff. A competent staff will teach effectively, thus lessening the need for remedial instruction. Your teachers are selected for their competence as contributors to the welfare of your child. A broad general background with specific training in teaching is required. A teacher must have not only training in psychology and learning, but also a love for children and a desire to see them grow.

We have stemmed somewhat the high turnover rate of the local staff by increasing salaries. We recognize that good teachers require more money, but this difference in terms of per pupil cost is but a few dollars a year. Your children deserve good teachers. By increasing the length of service in our schools we have provided for continuity of instruction without which the progressive educational development of our children cannot succeed. We emphasize that this educational system cannot be better than its teachers.

The need for substantial teachers is evident when we realize that it is neither prudent nor productive to let the students resort to their own propulsion alone. By incentives that stir the imagination, the teacher can and must direct pupil energies, guide and counsel them to achieve to their full dimension. Teachers must teach pupils that are willing but not able to learn, able but not willing to learn and able and willing to learn. This places an immense responsibility upon our teachers and therefore every effort has been made to secure and retain competent staff members.

We believe that every child should attend a school equipped to serve his general and specific needs, where the teacher can do his best teaching and where the child can do his best learning.

A good classroom, for example, gives sound training in attitudes and citizenship responsibilities, and at the same time provides for the mastery of fundamentals. Schools exist to provide the knowledge, skill, attitudes, appreciations and loyalties that will develop the innate capacities of the child.

We must constantly keep in mind that children learn from being in and around a school. If standards of cleanliness, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, etc., are to be instilled in our children, then providing the proper environment for attaining these traits is imperative. While

the physical plant alone does not necessarily provide for the development of citizenship traits, its absence to any degree makes a good program difficult, if not impossible, to a degree. The school plant should be a major factor in facilitating the whole instructional process.

We believe that the sacrifices which Merrimac makes, the price it pays to educate its children in terms of concern, money, planning, work, etc., are investments rather than expense. Good schools build men and women who are law-abiding, self-supporting, thrifty, vocationally competent, honest, healthy.

We cannot accept the crash and splash programs of admirals, generals or self-styled spokesmen for the people to save money by educating only the intellectual elite. The basic strength of America rests on all the citizens since they must continue to make wise choices to keep this country strong and free. We quote Somerset Maughan in relation to freedom: "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too."

It would be well to consider the Russian attitude toward education, not to emulate the type of education, but to understand their total commitment to it. Education in the Soviet is of first importance, their complete dedication to it as a means for improvement and survival, and as a means for surpassing the United States has already been documented by travelers to Russia.

ENTRANCE AGE

The entrance age for children to be enrolled in the first grade in September, 1959 is five years and eight months as of the first of September. This means that children wishing to enter grade one must have been born before January 1, 1954.

REIMBURSEMENTS

Although reimbursements from the State and other money due on account of the operation of a school system by Merrimac go, by law, to the Town Treasurer and are placed in the General Revenue Account, the total educational cost to the Town is somewhat offset by these amounts. Especially under Chapter 70 of the General Laws, it is noted that this money is returned to the Town to partially offset the tax losses in communities by the State's pre-empting of certain tax resources.

The following amounts of money and their sources have been certified as having been due Merrimac:

General School Fund (Chapter 70)	\$ 36,144.83
Superintendent's Salary & Expense	1,233.54
Transportation (Chapter 71)	7,455.00
State Wards	3,286.25
Tuition (High School)	313.50
Transportation (out of town students)	222.00
Vocational School Transportation and Tuition	2,108.45
Other (Chapter 560, 1949)	18.90
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TOTAL	\$ 50,782.47

It is important to keep in mind that these amounts are frequently one to two years behind the time that these expenses were incurred by the town. The point is that the reimbursements, in particular, represent a larger percentage of the school expenditure when compared to the actual school costs of the year in which they were incurred rather than compared to the present year or next year.

The annual report of this Committee does not include several important areas of interest to the townspeople because of their coverage in the report for 1957. For

statements regarding the importance of education, teachers' salaries, and state aid, we refer you to the 1957 report.

The people of Merrimac can be justly proud of their elementary and secondary school. Good schools reflect the interest of the community in their children and their own welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING A. BLAKE, Chairman

VIRGINIA H. WEBSTER, Secretary

KENNETH G. FOWLE

CARL G. OLSON

FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR, M. D.

School Committee

SCHOOL CENSUS as of October 1, 1958

	Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7	26	24	50
From 7 to 16	255	281	536
	281	305	586

Comparative Totals for 6 Years Period

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
From 5 to 7	141	120	116	131	126	50
From 7 to 16	419	447	504	481	531	536
	560	567	620	612	657	586

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Stations WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school, all grades.

1958 - 1959
MERRIMAC SCHOOL CALENDAR

1958

September 2 - 5 Teachers' Workshop

September 8, Monday School opens

October 13, Monday School closed - Columbus Day

November 11, Tuesday School closed - Veterans' Day

November 26, Wednesday School closes at end of school day for Thanksgiving holiday

December 1, Monday School opens

December 19, Friday School closes for Christmas holidays

1959

January 5, Monday School opens

February 20, Friday School closes for winter vacation

March 2, Monday School opens

March 27, Friday School closed - Good Friday

April 17, Friday School closes for Spring vacation

April 17, Friday School closes for

June 19 Friday School closes

June 19, Friday School closes
June 26, Friday Teachers' last day

June 20, Friday 180 days 38 weeks

180 days - 38 weeks
Approved April 31 1958

1959 BUDGET
MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriated 1958	Expended 1958	Requested 1959
GENERAL CONTROL		
\$ 100.00	\$ 87.68	School Committee Expense
2,888.88	2,904.23	Supt. Schools Salary
200.00	200.00	Transportation & Expense
1,000.00	1,472.79	Secretary & Office Expense
225.00	217.50	Law Enforcement

COST OF INSTRUCTION

\$ 93,493.33	\$ 92,262.05	Teachers' Salaries	\$ 73,257.77
2,000.00	1,618.80	Textbooks	2,160.00
1,600.00	3,142.28	Supplies	2,310.00

COST OF OPERATION

\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,264.88	Janitors' Salaries	\$ 5,500.00
2,500.00	2,011.92	Fuel	2,500.00
600.00	604.40	Janitorial Supplies	600.00
5,100.00	4,119.18	Maintenance	4,000.00
300.00	357.32	Athletics	
400.00	33.68	Libraries	400.00
1,150.00	1,568.96	Health	1,650.00
10,000.00	12,370.00	Transportation	14,235.00
200.00	377.95	New Equipment	400.00
300.00	321.17	Telephone & all other	275.00

\$127,557.21	\$110,454.43
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\$ 374.08	Dog Tax
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\$ 1,148.52	Transfer from Surplus Funds
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\$129,079.81	\$128,934.79
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\$ 4,000.00	
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670.55	Transfer from Surplus Funds
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\$ 4,670.55	\$ 4,597.25	Vocational Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00
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REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

With the realization that there is no one single method of organizing instruction that will perfectly meet the educational needs of all the children all of the time, we tried this year to place the children of our fourth, fifth and sixth grades in an educational setting which would give them a well rounded opportunity for learning, without hampering their physical or social development or their emotional adjustments.

We have no grade distinction in our Primary Unit. Children progress at their own rate of speed in reading, from the Readiness book through the 32 Reader. Some children take three years to complete this work, others have the privilege of taking four. Teachers have a close range of levels in their rooms. At no time is a child taught anywhere in basal reading except at his proper reading level. This Primary Unit was followed by the Intermediate Unit which also placed children in rooms by reading levels only.

We now follow the Joplin plan for teaching in the intermediate grades. The children are placed in the traditional classroom for all subjects except reading. An hour is set aside each day for the teaching of reading. At that time each child goes to a room where his level of reading is taught.

It is generally found that the pupils of these three grades usually are reading at five to eight different levels. The placing of a pupil is determined by the achievement of the pupil as indicated by tests and other criteria. This grouping is studied and changed after each marking period, thus enabling a pupil to move steadily along at his own rate.

Generally, the concept of a retarded reader has been a child who cannot read the material in the grade where he had been placed. Frequently, the truth is that many times these so called retarded readers are not retarded when we think of a different concept of retardation which measures a child's achievement compared to his ability or capacity, or potential at that particular time as measured by various tests results. This is really the only true concept which should be considered. Sometimes children who are regarded as doing very satisfactorily are actually the most retarded when the concept of ability versus accomplishment is considered. We consider these to be ones who need to be challenged and given the opportunity

to advance to their portential ability.

Success in an educational program demands qualified teachers and the use of good materials, plus a child's effort in accordance with his ability.

We believe that we are making effective provision for the learning needs of children in the regular classroom organization.

Our school reports to parents four times a year. The first report is a parent-teacher conference. This year we had one day released time for scheduled conferences. We have 240 families represented in this school. Only 18 families were not represented at the conferences. This is a 93% parent participation. Because the conferences bring teacher and parent together as a unit to help the child we hope to increase this percentage next year. 100% participation is our aim.

Our library is open three days a week. During that time each classroom has a scheduled library period. The complete routine of the library is supervised and staffed by members of the Parent-Teacher Association. During the summer the books are repaired by the Girl Scouts under the supervision of the library chairman who also catalogues and marks all new books placed on the shelves. This year we received 450 books from the Merrimacport Library Association and 56 new books were purchased with money given by the Parent-Teacher Association.

During the summer, school was held for 6 weeks for remedial reading. Classes were held for 2½ hours each day. There was an enrollment of 20 pupils. These children were invited to attend after an extensive study

was made by testing and checking on the individual child's reading growth. If a pupil had the potential ability but was not achieving at that ability level he was eligible. After the 6 week period more tests were given which showed the average growth in reading for the class to be 6.5 months. The maximum growth by one pupil was 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN R. DONAGHUE, Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

My report is herewith submitted, dating from January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958.

Number of School Visits 179

Number of Home Visits 356

The pre-school clinic was held on May 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Number of children given physical examinations by Dr. Davis at the pre-school clinic 55

The diphtheria clinic was held on March 20th, April 17th and May 20th.

Number receiving initial three doses 26

Number receiving booster shots 166

A complete physical examination was given by Dr. Davis, to all children in the first and fifth grades who were not examined by their family doctor.

Number of children tested with the Massachusetts Vision Test	611
Number failing this test	49
Number of children seen by eye specialist	44
Number tested with Audiometer for hearing	616
Number failing this test	15
Number that were seen by a doctor	11

The fourth year of the Tuberculosis Patch Test was held on October 27th, 29th, and 31st.

Number of children tested	150
Number of children reacting to the patch test and taken to Middleton for X-rays by Mrs. Cecile Sargent	2

I attended meetings in Newburyport, Salisbury, West Newbury and Haverhill pertaining to the School Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE L. GLEED, R. N.

School Nurse

THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The school lunch program in the elementary schools has shifted from being a gastronomical filling station to that of being an important educational experience.

Within the memory span of most people is the recollection of all children bringing their lunch to school in a paper bag or a lunch pail. These "good old days" of school food service were not without headaches. Faculty

members found it necessary to remain in rooms where children ate their lunches. Policing was required to see that paper and discarded food did not "litter up" the classrooms and grounds.

Although born from the depression period of the Thirties, the noon lunch program continued to grow in spite of improving economic conditions. During World War II Congress enacted a permanent school lunch assistance program.

The school lunch offers many opportunities for teaching cleanliness, food habits, manners and desirable social experiences. The educational outcomes of the school lunch program sometimes have more significance in the lives of children than the actual nutritional benefit accruing from consumption of food. The properly conducted lunchroom will be a factor in teaching children to wash their hands before eating, to eat and like a variety of foods, to sit down to a leisurely meal, to practice good table manners and to converse with others. The school lunch offers an unexcelled opportunity for health education.

We serve a "Type A" lunch that must meet the requirements of the National Lunch Program; the child gets one-third of his daily nutritional requirements.

From September through December, we have served 21,916 "Type A" lunches with milk and 7,637 bottles of milk to children who bring their lunches, and to the children who have recess milk. We also served 190 free "Type A" lunches to needy cases brought to our attention by Mrs. Gleed and Mrs. Donaghue.

ZELMA C. JACKMAN

School Lunch Supervisor

**REPORT OF THE
PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL
COMMITTEE
for the year ending December 31, 1958**

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its fifth annual report to each of the member towns.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

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Address: Office - Pentucket Regional High School, West
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Attendance Officers:

James Shanahan, 11 Broad Street, Groveland, Mass.
Kenneth Haskell, Bear Hill Road, Merrimac, Mass.
Norman L. Brown, 375 Main St., West Newbury, Mass.

**DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF
PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience
Principal	Paul H. Farris	B. A. Bates College 1942 M. A. Boston University 1950	15
Assistant Principal	James L. Topham	B. S. Ed. Bridgewater Teachers College 1951	7
Guidance	Robert J. Collier	B. Ed. Cortland State Teachers College 1947 M. Ed. Boston University 1957	11
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Marion C. Wilson	B. Ed. Bridgewater State Teachers College	6
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Roger Bryant	B. S. Springfield College 1950	8
English, Dept. Head	Ray E. Franklin	A. B. Notre Dame	11
English (Sr. H. S.)	Robert M. Imray	B. A. Harvard University	
English (Sr. H. S.)	Enid Burns	B. S. Simmons College 1938 M. A. Breadloaf School of English 1939	10
Reading & Remedial Reading	Barbara Whitehead	B. Ed. Keene Teachers College 1956	2
English (Jr. H. S.)	Robert C. Gardner	B. S. Boston University	1
English (Jr. H. S.)	Cornelia E. Wolfe	B. A. Boston University 1931	18
Latin & English	Mary E. Doherty	B. A. Regis College 1953	4
French	John P. Nionakis	B. A. University of Massachusetts	
Spanish		M. A. French - Middlebury Grad. School, Paris M. A. Spanish - Middlebury Grad. School, Madrid	5
Chemistry	Robert E. Knights	A. B. Brown University	
Physics		M. Ed. Harvard	
Biology	Linda Long	B. Ed. Tufts University	11

General Science	Joseph Derro, Jr.	B. S. North Carolina State College 1954
Business Ed.		
Science (Jr. H. S.)	Harry E. Ryerson	3
Science (Jr. H. S.)	Melvin H. Pollack	3
Social Studies	Daniel S. Gulezian	4
Social Studies	John Coggin, Jr.	4
Soc. Studies (Jr. H.S.)	Louis A. Porcelli	2
Soc. Studies & Guid.	Malcolm J. Hart	2
Mathematics	Norman J. Landry	2
Math. (Sr. H. S.)	Walter B. Drescher	2
Math. (Jr. H. S.)	James C. Burns, Jr.	2
Math. (Jr. H. S.)	Ronald P. Courtney	2
German	George Chambers	2
Commercial,	Louise E. Mills	33
Dept. Head		
Commercial	Ralph E. Hull	2
Industrial Arts	Howard M. Faulkner	2
Industrial Arts	Charles H. Russell	24
Home Economics	Carol Ann Leary	4
Home Economics	Rosemary Currier	4
Instrumental	Richard McLoon	4
Vocal Music	Joanne C. Eckner	9
Art	Gretchen Sanderson	6
Librarian	Ruth N. Parker	1
	A. B. Coker College 1942	

**REPORT OF
THE PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
1958**

To the Selectmen and the People of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury:

This Committee submits its annual report for the year 1958. After many years of striving for an adequate secondary plant, the citizens of this region have completed and occupied an educational plant which will stand as a symbol of farsightedness and constructive community cooperation. The building speaks for itself as a soundly planned and erected structure. Your many favorable comments have given this Committee the encouragement to carry out its duties and obligations in spite of the tedious and time-consuming nature of its responsibilities.

On September 8, 1958 the Pentucket Regional Junior-Senior High School opened with 558 students and a few days later the enrollment stood at 664 students. A staff of 35 earnest, energetic teachers were on hand to carry on a program which the residents of this region had approved.

AMERICAN EDUCATION

Public education has always been an area of controversy. Originally there was a battle over whether we were to have free, tax-supported schools. Later the battle raged over who was to attend these schools. Presently we are engaged in a struggle of what is to be taught and how schools are to be supported.

Concepts of what is to be taught depend upon what one believes that education should do. For example, the classicists believe that there is a radical dichotomy between the physical and spiritual realm; the mind, being a part of the spiritual realm, is the only part of man to be developed. And since these people further believe that

man is every where and always the same, education should be the same for everyone, everywhere.

The classicist chooses to ignore the fact that universal education as carried on in America cannot be coped with under this type of education. These theorists ignore the fact that every man differs in his capacity to learn. Those incapable of meeting the most vigorous academic standards would be dropped from the school rolls.

THIS WE BELIEVE

(1) The Public School program is determined by the desires of the community and society. Our system of education is dependent upon the will of the people. Although Education is, by law, a State function entrusted to local school committees, its decisions and conclusions are responsive to the will of the people both on a state and local level.

The main areas of instruction are prescribed as mandatory on a State level. Our schools teach American history and civics, local history and government, English and related areas, as well as many other subjects. In addition to the more or less accepted courses of instruction, there are others which are dictated not by educators but by public pressures.

Sharply rising accident rates among teen-age drivers led to legislation nearly requiring driver-education in the high school. The development of industrial production led to vocational training, often in spite of rather vigorous opposition by educators. Wide-spread awareness of the evils of tobacco, alcohol and narcotics led to legislation for instruction in these areas. Homemaking courses were added in response to public demand to meet changing social conditions. Each social aberration causes pressures for additional changes.

Additional compulsory areas of instruction are added from time to time which are not widely known to the gen-

eral public. To cite but two instances, we mention Chapter 71, Section 46 which deals with instruction for the mentally retarded, and Chapter 71, Section 46A which deals with the instruction of physically handicapped children. This Committee is not judging the soundness of this legislation but uses it as examples of school programs prescribed by our society.

We restate our position. There is nothing in the school curriculum which was not placed there by the demands of the community and/or the State. Having placed the responsibility for developing each child to his utmost in the hands of the public schools, the people must have the courage to support the schools.

(2) All pupils cannot be expected to achieve at the same rate or to the same degree in every learning area. Although as parents we can readily recognize differences in learning rates as well as weight, height, strength and ability in our own children, public criticism has often stemmed from a lack of understanding of this fact. We know that all children do not run with the same speed, throw a ball for distance or accuracy equally well, or jump a given distance. We know that children of a given age vary in capacity to do school work, also. In any type of school work we can mention, children of any given age vary just as much in academic capacity as in tests of strength and endurance.

We believe that "equality" in our political vocabulary never meant that men were equal in all respects. We believe fundamentally that all men are equally worthy of our care and concern, equal in the enjoyment of certain political, civil and legal rights, and equal in the concept of equality of opportunity, a concept which recognizes differences in endowment and motivation and character.

Our school policy has been established so that every pupil has an individualized program in the high school

grades. High individual performance is designed to encourage excellence, distinguished attainment, spur individuality. We encourage excellence which embraces many kinds of achievement. We recognize it as abstract intellectual activity, in art, in music, in craftsmanship, in technical work as well as in human relations.

We note, too, that excellence in performance is not the result of native capacity alone but can be a product of motivation and character. We add, finally, that recognizing differences in talent is not to be construed as judgments in terms of human worth.

(3) How one learns is important as well as what one learns. The attitude of the learner toward learning ultimately determines the usefulness of what is learned. Learning, knowledge, concepts, have meaning within the interests and purposes of the learner. There is no question but the most exciting learning takes place when the learner discovers something himself.

Confusion has existed in the minds of some regarding educational practices. The memorization of arithmetic tables may have been useful for some pupils, and this is still carried on when necessary, but when a student discovers that three times four equals twelve, the result is more lasting. In addition, a skill, concept and appreciation may be gained. Being told the answer never has the same meaning.

In science we not only learn the end results of certain activities, but the nature of scientific proof as well as an attitude. Understanding grows out of experience and does not "spring to its feet" when the teacher lays her assigning hand on it.

(4) School subjects are not ends in themselves, but rather means to the end of producing enlightened and competent citizens.

The school attempts to help pupils learn, but the

selection of what the pupil is to learn always is an issue. The school attempts to help young people to be useful citizens, not just to learn something. There is nothing inherently desirable in subject matter as such except that it may assist the pupil in life by intelligent citizenship, knowledge or values; or possibly motivating him to continue his own self-development.

A free people must identify, nurture and wisely use the talents of its citizens. In fact, at least in part, on the ability to solve this problem may rest the fate of this free nation. Furthermore, there is a direct and vital relationship between the talents and abilities of educated people on the one hand and the prosperity of our economy and the success of our nation on the other.

In retrospect this Committee agrees with the Conant Report on Secondary Education and the Rockefeller Report-The Pursuit of Excellence in Education-that there is a priority of values in educational practice especially as related to pupils of considerable academic ability.

In addition to general education for all, -four years of English, three in Social Studies, one in Science and one in Mathematics, - the academically talented should have additional courses in science, languages, mathematics and social studies.

(5) Education is a process and not a condition.

The goals of the school represent directions for personal development that are continuous throughout life. One can't give a child a test at the end of the 12th grade and find out whether he is educated.

Education is a process, not a state or condition. Learning never stops; it is continuous throughout life. The adult aged 30 has quite a different conception of democracy than he had when he was 15 or will have when he is 50. Meanings should steadily become fuller and richer with the years. Interests should broaden and deepen.

Values are subject to change with experience. The school is always seeking to encourage this kind of continuing development.

For this specific purpose the school establishes goals at the farthest edge of the grasp and does so with deliberate intent. It then provides learners with opportunities for personal growth toward these goals which, when extended into adult life, will produce the "enlightened" citizen. In an extreme sense these general goals of education are unattainable, for no one can hope to realize them to the full. No child or adult ever learns to read perfectly or even as well as he might, nor does he ever achieve the limit in quantitative understanding and skill. Failure to grasp this conception of education and of educational goals can only lead to a misconception of the program of the modern school.

(6) Subjection to reasonable authority is a necessary basis for individual freedom. Freedom without authority usually develops into license. Much of the juvenile delinquency that is so widely publicized is a natural and inevitable result of a decline in the respect and acceptance of constituted authority in the school and home.

Although the goal of any home or school is to develop in children self-discipline and moral responsibility, we know that children and adolescents cannot begin by disciplining themselves any more than puppies, kittens or colts can. Students need our help. They need the protective authority of rules and regulations as well as a chance to develop responsibility. They need the guidance of adults as well as sympathy. They are too young to be considered adults and too old to be considered children at the Regional School level.

In too many classrooms the educational advantages of the great majority are being jeopardized because the

teacher is required to use too much time in begging and cajoling some one child who does not respond to the influence of moral integrity, or who finds it impossible to respond to the more desirable and positive disciplinary technics that are effective with the vast majority of pupils.

BUDGET FOR 1959

This Committee has adopted a budget of \$458,160.33 for 1959. The expenditures in this budget represent in terms of dollars and cents the educational program for the coming year. The Regional School budget is adopted as a single unit but it can be practically divided into two sections: amortization and operation. Amortization includes the payment of the principal and interest on the bond issues required to construct and equip the school. Operational expense is devoted to the maintenance of the building and the operation of the building including teacher salaries, textbooks, fuel, light, etc.

This Committee through your requests and demands has offered to your children an educational program of prime importance to the welfare of your children. Although we realize that fiscal and educational policies and purposes are interwoven, we submit that your stated or implied desires are being carried out. The educational expenditures for 1959 have been determined with extreme caution in respect to the rapidly rising general economy. A brief explanation of the large general areas within the budget follows.

General control applies to the expenses incurred in the administration of the school plant. Salaries for the superintendent of schools and his secretary, the Account-

ant-Treasurer's salaries and general expenditures are found here. The largest expenditure-superintendent's salary- is not impressive in light of the educational leadership of a staff of over thirty-five professional people and many others, the selective expenditure of \$288,000.00 in operating expenses and the educational welfare of between 650-750 pupils.

Expenses of Instruction include the salaries of all the instructional staff members. A teacher and instructional techniques are crucial in any educational program. A competent trained staff has been provided which must be retained and augmented to provide the type of education so vital today.

Instructional Expenses provide the tools for learning. The Regional School has a strong program wherein learning can and does take place. Proper materials for differentiated learning and levels of instruction are being provided. An educational system cannot constantly be tardily and grudgingly patched to meet the needs of the moment. The people have indicated that they want and need a good education, although there are some who may never have been quite prepared to face the costs.

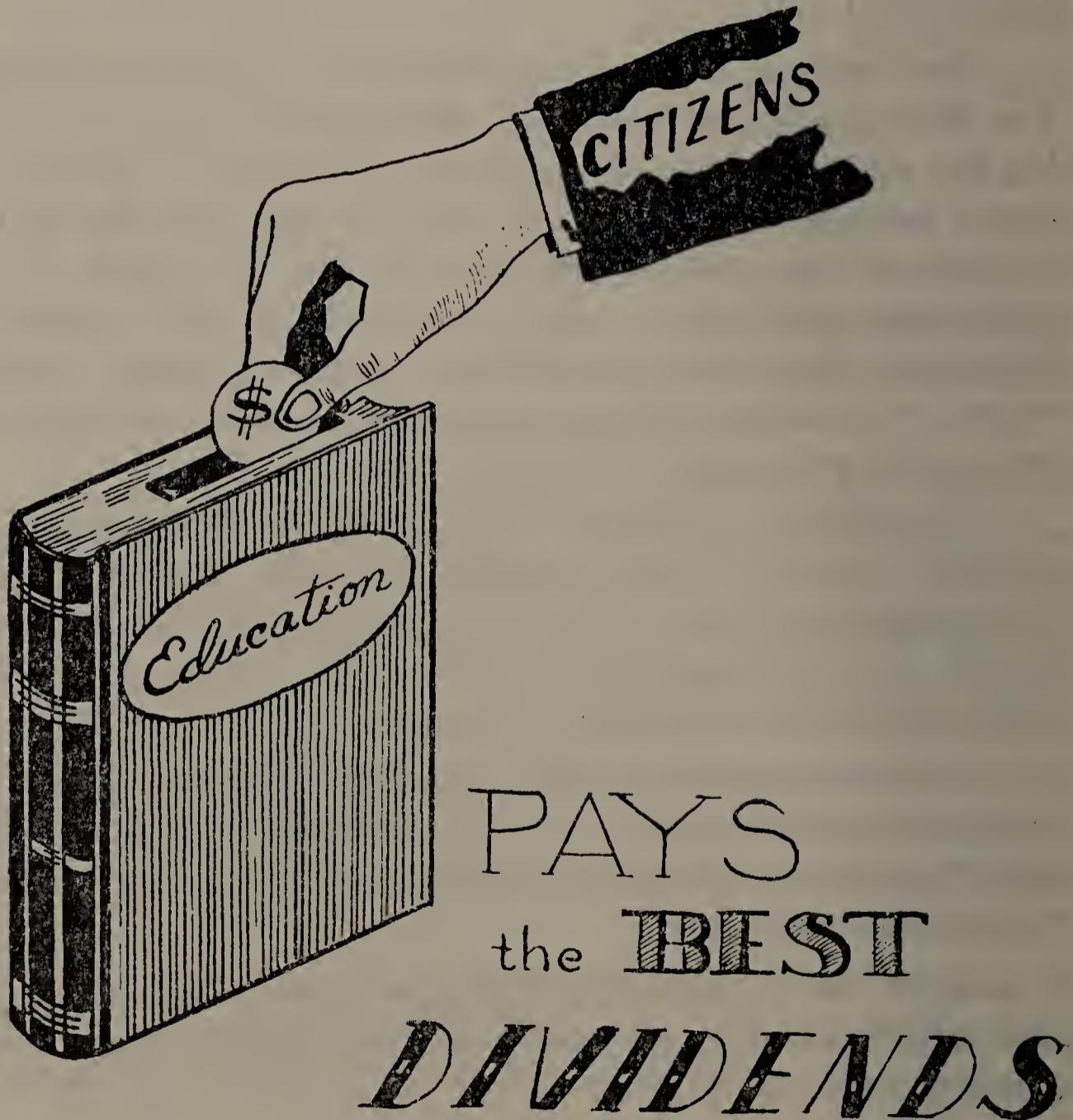
Operation of School Plant includes the necessary utilities involved in any occupied building, plus the cost of custodial services. An investment as great as that of the Regional School and used by over 700 individuals daily requires maintenance and care.

Auxiliary Agencies at the Regional School involve the library, late transportation from the Regional School and health services, all either required by law or by sound educational practice.

Debt Service and Non-Classified items of the budget are self-explanatory as shown in the budget proper on another page.

EDUCATIONAL EXPENDITURES

This Committee has given the matter of educational expenditures careful scrutiny. Your program of education is soundly based on psychological and practical principles. It needs your support, financial, moral and intellectual. The educational program for which you have worked and voted to uphold cannot endure under a policy of sentimentalism that turns away from the facts to feed on vague platitudes professing every type of support except financial.



This Committee submits that one narrow view of education—that educational systems are of concern only to parents with children—is unwise. The basic strength of America lies with the average citizen who must continue to make wise choices and be economically productive. Everyone must recognize that the preservation of our democratic society rests upon a people educated to the utmost of their abilities. In the past the importance of education has sometimes been underestimated and even today there are men who dangerously underestimate the full implications of education.

We must keep in mind that unlike money spent for consumer goods, that spent for education yields a return which, over a period of years, quite exceeds the original investment. Because the education of people is a perishable asset, the full effects are not evident until some years later. Direct results of good schools may not be noticed immediately, but it cannot be denied that the results of poor schools will become noticeable over a period of time.

A quotation from the Rockefeller Report on Education will close this topic—“It will not be enough to meet the problem (financing education) grudgingly with a little more money. The nation’s need for good education is immediate; and good education is expensive. That is a fact which the American people have never been quite prepared to face. At stake is nothing less than our national greatness and our aspirations for the dignity of the individual. If the public is not prepared for this, then responsible educators, business leaders, political leaders, unions and civic organizations must join in a national campaign to prepare them.”

SCHOOL COMMITTEE DUTIES

Your Regional School Committee has operated as the building committee as well as carrying on the duties customarily vested in School Committees. During 1958 there were twelve regular monthly meetings and eleven

special meetings of this Committee. We have carried out the dictates of the region in the best interests of the people and the students. The tasks of this Committee have been compounded somewhat by some who put the no-shift automobile ahead of the two-shift school. We believe, however, that education in its broadest sense unlocks the door of the future and gives people tools without which the "pursuit of happiness" becomes a farce. It is our cherished hope to teach our young people to relish the rarest of all gifts, intellectual capacity.

The duties of this School Committee, as for School Committees in general, are largely of a policy-making nature. The School Committee within the statutory limits of the Commonwealth and the will of the community prepares the general provisions relating to education. It is the duty of the school administrators to carry out the policies as prescribed by this Committee.

Since the public schools belong to the people, the credit for the fine educational plant, the exceptionally sound educational program and the superior staff of professional employees belongs to all the people.

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Regional School Committee is composed of the three members of the Groveland and West Newbury School Committees, and the Merrimac School Committee, now composed of five members, elects three of its members to the Regional Committee. During 1958 the Groveland members were as follows, with their terms of service:

Dr. Douglas V. Crook

Mr. Harold A. Bilodeau

Mr. Sydney O'Neill

West Newbury members during 1958:

Miss Louise E. Mills

Chairman to April 1

Resigned May 31

Mrs. Ruth Moore

Term began June 1

Mr. Leo A. Soucy

Resigned Feb. 28

Mr. Allan P. Jarvis Term began March 1

Mr. T. Tait Bender

Merrimac members during 1958

Mr. Kenneth G. Fowle Chairman April 1 on

Mr. Carl G. Olson

Mr. Irving Blake Term expired March 31

Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir, Term began April 1

The Treasurer's report and the 1959 budget will be found on the following pages.

KENNETH G. FOWLE, Chairman
DOUGLAS V. CROOK
HAROLD A. BILODEAU
SYDNEY O'NEILL
RUTH MOORE
ALLEN P. JARVIS
T. TAIT BENDER
CARL G. OLSON
FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET 1959

GENERAL CONTROL:

School Committee Expense	\$ 200.00
Superintendent's Salary	5,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	150.00
Accountant's Salary	600.00
Accountant's Expense	50.00
Secretarial Services	3,100.00
Supervisor of Attendance	250.00
Postage, Office Supplies, Printing	500.00
Telephone	150.00

Travel (including out-of-state)	300.00
Other Expenses	600.00

GENERAL CONTROL \$ 11,600.00

EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION:

Salaries:

Administrators	\$ 14,541.67
Administrative & Instructional	
Travel	775.00
Teachers	174,100.00
Substitutes	1,500.00
In-Service Education	300.00
Association Memberships	100.00

Instructional Expenses:

Clerical	4,800.00
Postage, Forms, Printing	
and Supplies	600.00
Textbooks	7,908.00
General Supplies	5,341.00

Specific Supplies:

Homemaking	500.00
Science	650.00
Guidance	550.00
Physical Education	600.00
Industrial Arts	700.00
Driver Education	315.00
Audio-Visual Aids	800.00
Art	300.00
Music	300.00

INSTRUCTION \$214,680.67

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

Janitorial Salaries	\$ 19,866.66
Telephone Service	600.00
Janitorial Supplies	2,200.00
Fuel	8,000.00
Water, Gas, Electricity	9,000.00

Insurance,

Workmen's Compensation	600.00
Building Insurance	3,500.00

OPERATION	\$ 43,766.66
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MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

Upkeep of Grounds	\$ 1,200.00
Lawn Mowing	1,000.00
Snow Removal	600.00
Upkeep of Track	200.00
Other (Unclassified)	300.00

MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,300.00
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Library	\$ 850.00
Extra Transportation (late buses)	2,100.00

Health:

School Physician	1,000.00
School Nurse	2,500.00
Travel, Nurse	100.00
Supplies	300.00

AUXILIARY AGENCIES	\$ 6,850.00
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DEBT SERVICE:

Interest on Bonds	\$ 69,785.00
Payment on Principal	100,000.00

DEBT SERVICE	\$ 169,785.00
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NON-CLASSIFIED (Miscellaneous):

Athletics	\$ 7,178.00
School Lunch Program	1,000.00

NON-CLASSIFIED	\$ 8,178.00
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TOTAL	\$ 458,160.33
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APPROVED December 1, 1958

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cost Assessment according to the Regional Agreement For The Year 1959

Total Budget (voted December 1, 1958)\$458,160.33
 Amortization\$169,785.00
 Operation 288,375.00

CALCULATIONS

Amortization\$169,785.00 Operation\$288,375.33

Less: Estimated

Receipts \$62,712.50

Transfer from

Available

Funds 62,287.50 125,000.00

To Be Raised\$ 44,785.00

PERCENTAGES OF ASSESSMENT

	Enrollment per town 10/1/58	% of Total Enrollment	PLUS % of Equalized Evaluation	$\frac{1}{2}$ of Total of Preceding Columns = % of 1959 Operating Costs
GROVELAND	244	37.2519	31.3456	34.2988
MERRIMAC	249	38.0153	39.7264	38.8708
WEST NEWBURY	162	24.7328	28.9280	26.8304
	655			

CALCULATIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Amortization Operating Costs
(% of \$288,375.33)

GROVELAND

\$44,785.00 x 31.3456 or \$14,038.13 34.2988 or \$ 98,909.28

MERRIMAC

\$44,785.00 x 39.7264 or \$17,791.47 38.8708 or \$112,093.80

WEST NEWBURY

\$44,785.00 x 28.9280 or \$12,955.40 26.8304 or \$ 77,372.25

TOTAL ASSESSMENT BY TOWNS

	Groveland	Merrimac	West Newbury
Amortization	\$ 14,038.13	\$ 17,791.47	\$ 12,955.40
Operating Costs	98,909.28	112,093.80	77,372.25
Total	\$112,947.41	\$129,885.27	\$ 90,327.65

**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL**

The Pentucket Regional Junior-Senior High School opened its doors to students for the first time on September 8, 1958. All six classes were held on that first day of school. Prior to this first day, the faculty had met for four days the previous week. During this time, intensive work was done in preparation for the opening of school. This faculty, composed of both experienced and untried personnel, brought together in a new and most challenging situation, has shown its ability and dedication as members of the teaching profession.

The school is organized on the 2 - 4 plan. The Junior High comprises the 2 years of the 2 - 4 plan. The students in grades 7 and 8 have separate classes and a separate curriculum. They have a separate lunch schedule; separate activities; separate athletics; and on occasion separate assembly programs. A copy of each curriculum is included at the end of this report.

The faculty and I have found this building to be well-planned, well-equipped, and well-suited for the purposes of education. It is also safe and quite free from any hazards, especially fire. Although there are some minor things yet to be done, we are proud of our association with this school.

This school is dedicated to the proposition that all

youth should have an equal opportunity to acquire an education geared to their needs and abilities. This building is concrete evidence that the communities involved in this project endorse this view. This school was built upon studies made in the past and with the hopes and aspirations of the present and future in mind. The past and the present are important as foundation stones upon which to build a better future. The community that learns from the past and that plans for the future will grow materially and culturally. The community that lives in the past, history tells us, tends to remain in the past.

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Education has a responsibility to help train and develop these future leaders. The home and the school must be in the same camp working together. The school cannot and will not replace the home and assume the duties and responsibilities that rightfully belong to the parents.

CURRICULUM

Today's citizens and tomorrow's adults need a broadly based education with depth in some areas. These needs are based upon several factors; a predicted shorter work week with its resultant more leisure time; larger and more equalized income due to several factors not the least of which is more and better educated citizens; more travel than ever before both outside as well as inside our country; a more complex civilization, world centered, requiring more flexible and better educated minds and bodies.

The curriculum is designed to develop programs tailored in so far as possible to the needs and abilities of each student. Certain courses are required of all students. Other courses are selected by the students under the supervision of the guidance department, teachers, and parents.

Students formerly taking generally four and in some cases five offerings, are here generally taking six and even

more offerings. They are involved in more areas of study than ever before. For the first time, many are required to become involved in science, math, social studies, art, music, industrial arts, home economics, organized physical education. Others are enriching their education by the election of some of the above to supplement the basic subjects they ordinarily study.

We have no specifically designated courses of study such as a college course, scientific course, commercial course, etc. We feel that there are basic concepts in any course which students need regardless of whether they plan to go directly to work or to further education. There are, many times, superior students who, for example, might elect so-called "soft courses" merely to get a good mark and/or to improve his or her class standing. This process defeats the real purpose of education. We aim to try to challenge each student regardless of his destination after high school. Furthermore, we shall try to avoid the situation whereby capable students waste their talents by taking the wrong courses. We hope to seek them out, challenge them to their best efforts and, if possible, help them to further their education. We shall do our best to stop this waste of our most precious natural resource -- the human being.

Students are grouped according to their ability as measured by the results of standardized tests, achievement grades, and teacher ratings. Each student has the opportunity to progress as fast and as far as he is willing and able. Each student works with others of about equal ability and development. Such changes in groups as are necessary are now being made and will continue to be made consistent with sound educational practice. Our aim is to provide an atmosphere that will encourage the maximum development of each individual.

An example of grouping and curriculum development may be provided by a look at our English area. Students

are grouped in this area based not only on the items listed above but also upon their reading development. We have three groups with which to work. The program in each group progresses from the point of development of the student as we find him in his entering grade to the point of development we are able to achieve with him grade by grade until the end of grade twelve. Materials and methods vary with the composition and development of each group.

A developmental reading program has been established within the English department and is a part of their program. For those in need of special or extra help in reading, we have a specially trained teacher who works with those students referred by other teachers. This teacher also assists other teachers in their problems with reluctant or retarded readers. Special materials are available to aid us in this project.

All our departments are striving for an arrangement of logical and purposeful development of learning experiences in each course of study in order to prevent wasteful duplication of effort and to develop sequential order in learning material that will be meaningful and challenging.

It is also our aim to provide a program of enrichment and acceleration for those pupils who are willing and capable of profiting from such work. This program would call for more intensive work in the areas of English and Social Studies as well as Math and Science. There may well be some students who, because of this program, will be allowed to enter college with a higher standing than that customarily given entering Freshmen. This can be definitely put into effect at the beginning of the next school year.

MARKING SYSTEM

We have developed a five letter scale of grading which we feel provides a broader base upon which to

report the progress of each student. This gives a more accurate picture of the growth of the student. Quality points are designated for each letter grade. These points are used to determine the average grade and the relative academic standing of each student. We believe that a grade should be earned by the student. We do not subscribe to the philosophy of giving something for nothing.

Warnings are sent through the mail to parents of those pupils who are in danger of a failing grade. Parents are then asked to sign the notice and return it to the school. It is our hope that interested parents will come, not only to talk about mutual problems, but also, to observe at first hand some of the practices in effect at the school.

ACTIVITIES

Student activities are now beginning to get into operation on a full scale. Student councils have been founded both in the Junior High and in the Senior High. The Dramatics club has started work upon a play to be given in the early spring. School colors of green and white were selected by the student body. The Senior class has begun work on the Yearbook. The Senior and Junior classes have selected a class ring. Many other projects are in the making. Much is yet to be done and careful thought is being placed upon each development.

An activity period will be placed within the school day once or twice per week in order to provide a definite time for some of these clubs to meet. With the fairly long school day and the fact that the great majority of our students travel by school bus, it is necessary to provide this time within the school day in order to ensure the widest possible participation by the student body. These activities are an integral part of school life and do much to foster school spirit, school interest, and practice in democratic participation as well as leadership opportunities. Athletic teams will, of necessity, practice and play

after regular school hours. The following are some of the activities in operation now or will be in operation before the end of this school year. Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Dramatics, Glee Club, Instrumental Music, Boys Baseball, Girls Softball. These are provided on both Junior and Senior High levels. Next year we plan to add Football and Field Hockey. Intramurals will be provided in the area of basketball, especially.

MORALE

Many loyalties, friendships, habits and ties were subjected to a rather severe test when the student body enrolled at this school. On the whole, the adjustment has been good. Juniors and Seniors particularly have felt the stress and tensions involved in this transfer. Some have accepted the change and are eager to help build a new school community; some have accepted the change passively and are willing to go along with the leaders; some have actively resisted the change and because they are somewhat confused in their emotions and thinking, will require a longer period with which to become adjusted to the change. In general, the older students take longer to become a real part of "the team", than do the younger ones. Parents can do much to help their children become adjusted to this new situation. By regarding the school as an integral part of the community and by constructively working to help the school, parents can reap a higher return on their investment in the school.

The morale of the student body at the present time is encouraging. As students become identified with the school through activities, athletics and academic growth, this force will weld the entire group into a strong, cohesive and dynamic force of which we shall all be proud.

DISCIPLINE

The school subscribes to the philosophy of developing individual responsibility and fostering self-discipline in

each student. The student body as a group is given as much freedom as they can use judiciously. With freedom goes responsibility. One can hardly direct others until one first can purposefully direct himself. Youth need and desire guided direction and assistance in developing behavioral goals. The undisciplined youth is unhappy and unproductive and often in trouble. We hold each student responsible and accountable for his own actions. He can expect credit when credit is due; and correction and/or punishment when needed.

GUIDANCE

The Guidance Department, under the leadership of Mr. Robert J. Collier, and with the cooperation of the faculty, has done an outstanding job, not only in setting this vital aspect of school in motion, but also in assisting students and parents in matters of vocational and collegiate placement and choice, curriculum changes and problems involving school life.

GENERAL ITEMS

The Cafeteria serves a choice of two hot meals each day. These meals are attractive and nourishing. All Junior High students are required to eat lunch unless excused by the nurse because of illness.

Most departmental offerings are being enthusiastically received by the student body. The faculty of this school is a dedicated group of professional teachers. They are working mightily in their efforts to provide a sound education for your children. Unfortunately, there is no room here to describe all the work being done by the faculty and students. I should like to publicly state, however, that I am pleased with the results to date. I think we can safely predict that the future will show how effectively their work is done.

I have worked with your school committee and Superintendent since the first of April. I have found your school

committee to be conscientious and dedicated to the task of providing the best possible education for our youth. Your Superintendent has demonstrated high qualities of construction, criticism, leadership and dedication to his job.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL H. FARRIS, Principal

1958 — 1959
PENTUCKET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2 - 5 Teachers' Workshop
September 8 Monday School opens
October 13 Monday School closed - Columbus Day
November 11 Tuesday School closed - Veterans' Day
November 26 Wednesday School closes at end of school
day for Thanksgiving holiday
December 1 Monday School opens
December 19 Friday School closes for Christmas holidays
1959
January 5 Monday School opens
February 20 Friday School closes for winter vacation
March 2 Monday School opens
March 27 Friday School closed - Good Friday
April 17 Friday School closes for Spring vacation
April 27 Monday School opens
June 24 Wednesday School closes
183 days - 38 weeks

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Grades 7 and 8

All pupils in the seventh and eighth grades have the same studies; variations in place of electives come within the subject matter and teaching methods employed by the teacher. The various subjects need to meet the individual abilities, interests and needs of the pupils.

Grade 7		Grade 8	
Required	Periods	Required	Periods
English	5	English	5
Mathematics	5	Mathematics	5
Social Studies	5	Social Studies	5
Science	5	Science	5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Industrial Arts or Home Arts	2	Industrial Arts or Home Arts	2
Art	2	Art	2
Music	2	Music	2
Group Guidance	1	Group Guidance	1
Character Education	1	Character Education	1

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Required

9th

10th

English	5	English	5
Phys. Education	2	Phys. Education	2
Civics	4	Biology	5
Algebra I or General Math.	4		
Core Course	3		

Variables

Home Economics I	4	Home Economics II	4
Latin I	4	Geometry	4
French I	4	General Math. II	4
Mech. Drawing I	3	Latin II	4
Art I	4	French I or II	4
Related Arts I	4	Spanish I	4
Glee Club	2	German I	4
Music Appreciation	4	Typing I	4
Band	2	Related Arts I	4
*Industrial Arts I	4	*Industrial Arts II	4
Remedial Reading	4	(1) World History	4
General Science	4	General Business	4
		Personal Typing	3
		Art II	4
		Speech I	4

Or any 9th grade elective

*Includes Household Mechanics

(1) Includes Economic Geography

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Required

11th

12th

English	5	English	5
Phys. Education	2	Phys. Education	2
U. S. History	4	Cont. Civilization	4
		Core Course	3

Variables

Home Economics III	4	Home Economics IV	8
Family Living	4	Family Living	4
Algebra II	4	Solid Geom. - Trig.	4
Latin III	4	French III	4
French I, II, III	4	Spanish II	4
Spanish I, II	4	German II	4
German II	4	Shorthand II	4
Shorthand I	4	Typing I, II	4
Typing I, II	4	Bookkeeping	4
Related Arts II	4	*Industrial Arts IV	8
*Industrial Arts III	4	Physics or Chemistry	5
Speech II	4	Office Practice	4
***Driver Education	1	Salesmanship	4
Physics or Chem.	5		
**Applied Science	4		
Business Law and Business Geography	4		
Dramatics	4		
Bookkeeping	4		

Or any 9th, 10th grade elective

Or any 9th, 10th or 11th grade
elective

*Includes Household Mechanics

**Terminative course for
students not going to college***On-the-road training after
school hours

GUIDANCE REPORT PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL

The educational philosophy upon which the curriculum of this school is based calls for a strong guidance program. This guidance program involves itself in the areas of educational choice, vocational choice, and personal adjustment. To take full advantage of our curriculum, the youth need professional advice under the supervision of a guidance director. Such a program is being effected as completely and as rapidly as is possible.

Students need help and a guiding hand if they are to select areas of study which will fit their abilities and their interests. Any educational system is, among other things, a sorting out process. One of its most important goals is to identify and guide able students and to challenge each student to develop his capacities to the utmost.

There is overwhelming evidence of a determination on the part of the American people that the sorting-out process be carried out mercifully and generously, rather than ruthlessly, rigidly or mechanically. But it has sometimes seemed that rather than admit differences in talent - or at least taking responsibility for assessing it - we prefer to accept mediocrity.

Used with a sound understanding of their strengths and limitations, present testing procedures can contribute significantly to a program of talent identification. When large numbers are involved, tests may uncover talent that would otherwise go unnoticed. And even when large numbers are not involved, a particular youngster's aptitude may be such as to defy easy diagnosis and may escape the attention of all but the keenest of teachers.

A few basic considerations with respect to tests must be understood.

First, tests are most effective in measuring academic aptitude and achievement. There are certain other kinds of aptitude and achievement that they can measure, but with less assurance. And there are many kinds of talent that must go unmeasured because no adequate measuring instruments exist. In short, the tests are effective on a limited front. Decisions based on test scores must be made with the awareness of the imponderables in human behavior. We cannot measure the rare qualities of character that are a necessary ingredient of great performance. We cannot measure aspiration or purpose. We cannot measure courage, vitality or determination.

Second, no single test should become a basis for important decisions. A series of scores obtained over the years enables teachers to achieve a reliable perspective on the young person's aptitudes, and minimizes the possibility of false diagnosis.

Third, test scores are one kind of data to be placed alongside other kinds of data. The test score is not to be worshipped as a datum so decisive that it alone can be used to settle an individual's fate; it is a highly useful addition to other data but should not replace them. Unfortunately, the most powerful influence making for excessive dependence on scores is the willingness of adults to evade their responsibility for complex and difficult decisions concerning the child. The test score should be regarded as an aid in making - not a device for evading - such decisions.

The identification of talent is no more than the first step. It should be only part of a strong guidance program. The word "guidance" has a variety of meanings; we use it here to mean advice concerning the young person's educational problems and the most appropriate course of study for him. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that such guidance is essential to the success of our system.

The objective of all educational guidance should be to stimulate the individual to make the most of his potentialities. Within the framework of concern for all, guidance should give particular attention to able students as well as those not so able.

The general academic capacity of students should be at least tentatively identified by the eighth grade as the result of repeated testing and classroom performance in the elementary grades. An adequate guidance system would insure that each student would then be enrolled in the type of program that will develop, to the full, the gifts which he possesses.

Some information concerning the testing program in effect is contained below:

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development were administered to all the High School students. The results of the tests were given to all students, who in turn took the test data home for their parents. The test data is used extensively by the Administration, Faculty and Guidance Department to help each student make his educational plans more intelligently.

These tests form a basis of evaluation covering nine important aspects of fundamental educational development.

One test is designed to measure the pupil's general knowledge and understanding of contemporary social institutions and practices.

Another test measures the pupil's general knowledge and understanding of scientific terms and principles of common, natural phenomena and industrial applications and the place of Science in modern civilization.

A third test is a reliable indication of the student's mastery of some of the basic requirements in correct and effective writing.

Another test measures a pupil's performance in the area of mathematics.

A fifth test measures a student's ability to interpret and evaluate representative reading selections in the social studies area.

A sixth test measures the student's ability to interpret and evaluate representative reading selections from the natural sciences or used in the natural sciences.

A seventh test measures the understanding that High School pupils may be expected to derive from the reading of literary materials.

Another test measures directly a specific ability of major importance in reading - the ability to recognize the meaning of words commonly found in reading.

The ninth test measures a student's ability to utilize important sources of information available to him.

Along with this, there is a standard composite score which gives us an accurate measure of the general level of the pupil's educational development. These tests, furthermore, provide us with the following:

1. A quick survey of a student's scholastic background and the extent at which his scholastic abilities have already developed.
2. An objective guide for identifying the gifted and those who should go to college.
3. A quick inventory of the strength and weakness of our students so that instruction may be individualized most effectively.
4. A more dependable and objective basis for the evaluation of the entire educational offering of our schools.

Most college preparatory Juniors and Seniors have taken the Scholarship Qualifying Test this past fall and they are also taking the Scholastic Aptitude test this Spring. In addition, many will participate in the Merit

Scholarship Qualifying Test as well as in other achievement tests to be given this school year. The Scholarship Qualifying Test and the National Merit Scholarship Test place students in contention for scholarship aid. Although they may not be among the finalists, they are still in contention for some of these scholarships, as well as scholarships given by individual colleges. Furthermore, these results, when made known to the students and parents, are valuable in predicting success in college as well as in pointing out strengths and weaknesses in the areas tested. They also give students excellent training in taking examinations under some pressure. The Scholastic Aptitude tests administered not only near the end of the Junior year, but also in the first semester of the Senior year, provide the student, the school and the college with valuable information concerning the probability of success of the student with regard to college work, as well as the development of the student in the areas tested.

The Haverhill Employment Division administered the General Aptitude Battery to all Seniors this past fall. This Battery measures the general aptitude of the student in such areas as clerical aptitudes, manipulative skills, finger dexterity, reasoning and form perception. The results of these tests are made known to the students and to the school and are of help in many areas. The Employment service uses these in advising graduates with regard to types of occupations for which they are suited. The Employment Division also provides assistance in placing these graduates in various jobs.

The Freshmen will be given the Kuder Preference Record. This instrument measures five areas of relationship for helping us to determine, for example, whether or not the student prefers working with others, working alone and working under social pressures and in areas of

conflict. The vocational aspect of this instrument helps the pupil identify various occupational interests, for example, outdoor activities, scientific interests, mathematical interests, social work, literary work, etc.

Juniors will be given the Strong Vocational Inventory which helps to discover the extent at which a person's interests tend to follow in line with those who are already employed in these areas.

The Lorge-Thorndike Intelligence Tests will be used at the eighth grade level as one instrument to group the students and predict their probable success in various subject fields. The results of intelligence tests from the elementary schools will also be useful when the student is programmed in the secondary schools.

The Stanford Achievement tests now administered in our elementary schools will be given to all seventh and eighth grade students. These tests measure the achievement and growth of students in the areas of English, Reading, Mathematics, Spelling, Science, Social Studies, etc. . . They are used as one measure of predicting possible aptitudes and abilities for the study of, for example, higher mathematics and foreign languages.

An integral part of guidance work which is most vital to its success is that of counselling. Individual counselling is designed to meet each student's educational, vocational and emotional needs. It is advisable to interview most students twice a year, plus one meeting to complete his High School academic program. The ideal counseling set-up is to be able to sit down with each eighth grader and discuss his plans with him and complete a four-year program. Each year this program would be re-evaluated and possible changes made, but the student would have the opportunity to make plans and discuss them with professional counsellors.

Parents who wish to discuss the educational plans, academic problems, etc. of their children, may call FOrest 3-5507 and make an appointment to come to the Guidance office on Monday nights. Parents may also come any time after 3:00 P. M. A call to reserve the time would be greatly appreciated by the Guidance Director.

One of the main features of our guidance program is located in the area of our group guidance classes. You will note from the program of studies that students in Grade 7, 8, 9 and 12 are required to participate in these classes. This program was set up purposefully in this manner believing that at these levels particularly, students have great need of guidance. Below is a brief description of the group guidance program.

The seventh and eighth grade group guidance classes meet once a week and are taught by the Junior High School teachers, under the supervision of the Guidance Director. This requires after-school organizational meetings with the Junior High school teachers throughout the school year.

The main objectives of the seventh and eighth grade group guidance classes are:

1. To assist the students to discover and understand their interests, abilities and aptitudes.
2. To show the students the relationship between these abilities, interests and aptitudes and occupational choice.
3. To help students realize that individuals differ.
4. To develop a better understanding of each student's strengths and weaknesses.

Some of the areas and topics discussed in the seventh and eighth grades are as follows:

1. Individual differences (physical, mental and emotional).
2. The problems of failure in school.
3. Home - school teamwork for safe living.
4. Helping children make friends.
5. What good is school, anyway?
6. You and Your goals.

The ninth and twelfth grade group guidance courses are called the Core Course. These courses, under the supervision of the Guidance Director, meet three times per week and are taught by three members of the High School faculty. Much time is spent on the study of different occupations and the training necessary to enter various careers. The ninth graders make reports on the vocations in which they are most interested and this information is of value in helping them plan their High School programs. The Seniors learn about job details.

Speakers from various industrial concerns retail and wholesale business establishments, community institutions and service organizations, among others, are scheduled to talk to the group and obtain first-hand, up-to-date occupational information and it may be instrumental in channeling some of our youth toward the vocation that is best suited for him. The school needs more participation from the home. This can be accomplished if more parents will make arrangements to discuss educational, vocational and emotional needs with the Guidance Department.

Two examples or case studies are included here to illustrate how the guidance director helps exceptional student cases. Each case speaks for itself.

CASE STUDY No. 1 J. R.

J. R. registered as a ninth grader this fall. He has a very severe speech handicap and hearing defect. The teachers were having difficulty with J. R. because he could not achieve very well in a regular classroom.

One teacher requested that J. R. be given an intelligence test and that all information in the cumulative record be sent to her. J. R. had transferred into our system without any information whatsoever. My first conference with J. R. was September 25, 1958. He told me that he had attended a special school for several years and that he had received very little help with his speech handicap.

Contact was made with the Mass. General Hospital and they sent evaluations and recommendations concerning J. R. to the Guidance Department. Mr. Anderson of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was contacted to determine the possibility of State aid for special therapy. He visited the school and the family and within a month the complete cost of special therapy was arranged through the Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

A letter was also sent to the Beverly School For The Deaf which forwarded all testing data and other helpful information to the school. All the data was collected and forwarded to the speech teacher and all teachers were also given this information.

J. R. is now being tutored in speech therapy twice a week and will continue for the next year under the supervision of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division. The case will be reviewed at the end of one year and if it is possible to improve the student's speech, he will be recommended for further study.

CASE STUDY No. 2 A. C.

A. C. was enrolled in our tenth grade and was interested in shop work and mathematics especially. A. C. was not particularly interested in doing much preparation in English and Social Studies. He left school without any contact with the Guidance Office and was working on two different jobs. Information was passed along to me that A. C. was earning approximately \$20.00 a week and that he did not like the two part-time jobs. It was recommended that A. C. make an appointment for a Monday evening to see about attending night school in Haverhill.

A. C. said that he was interested in welding and that he would like to try to obtain a job in that field. The following day, several companies were contacted and finally an opening was located with a welding company in the area. An interview for the job was arranged and A. C. was hired after the completion of the interview. He started working for \$22.00 a week and at the same time was attending the Haverhill night school. The tuition of \$24.00 per year was being paid by one of the three towns.

Upon hearing that this boy was earning less than a dollar an hour, the Apprentice Training Division in Lawrence was contacted. The representative of this division called on the welding company and convinced the owner to participate in the Apprentice Training Program for this youngster. This meant that the boy would immediately receive a minimum of \$1.00 per hour and that his "take home" pay would be approximately \$47.00 a week rather than \$22.00 a week. At the end of every six months, A. C. will receive a raise in pay and his work will be reevaluated by the representative of the Apprentice Training Division in Lawrence, Mass. He will receive a certificate at the end of every thousand clock hours which will be of value when he applies for another job.

This Apprentice Training program also means that he will receive training in all types of welding and not just be kept busy sweeping floors and doing odd jobs. At the end of three years, A. C. will receive a certificate of his Apprentice Training program indicating that he is a skilled worker.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. COLLIER

Guidance Director

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Bureau of Accounts
State House, Boston 33

July 14, 1958

Pentucket Regional District School Committee
West Newbury,
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Pentucket Regional School District for the period from April 13, 1957 to March 25, 1958, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE

HBD:GBS

Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Pentucket Regional School District for the period from April 13, 1957, the date of the previous examination, to March 25, 1958, and submit the following report thereon:

The ledger accounts were analyzed and proved, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district on March 25, 1958.

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts were checked with sources from which money was paid into the district treasury, and the payments, as entered, were checked with the warrants approved by the district school committee authorizing the treasurer to expend district funds and with the vouchers, payrolls and bills on file. The cash book additions were proved, and the cash balance on March 25, 1958 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the depositories and by verification of the United States Treasury Bills held in a bank for safekeeping.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The bond and coupon account was reconciled and the outstanding coupons were listed.

The clerk's records of the district school committee meetings were examined for financial votes, and the assessments against member towns to provide funds for operating expenses of the district were checked.

The surety bond of the treasurer, filed for the faithful performance of his duties, was examined and found to be in proper form.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's cash and the bond and coupon account, as well as summaries of the payroll deductions and assessment accounts.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was received from the several district officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

WS:GBS

Assistant Director of Accounts

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance April 13, 1957	\$861,003.54
Receipts April 13 to Dec. 31, 1957	1,130,353.67
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	\$1,991,357.21
Payments April 13 to Dec. 31, 1957	\$1,016,060.61
Balance December 31, 1957	975,296.60
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	\$1,991,357.21

Balance January 1, 1958	\$975,296.60
Receipts Jan. 1 to March 25, 1958	3,959.62
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	\$979,256.22
Payments Jan. 1 to March 25, 1958	\$305,134.58
Balance March 25, 1958	
Merrimack Valley National	
Bank, Haverhill,	
per check book	\$ 7,080.20
Second Bank - State Street	
Trust Company of Boston,	
per statement and	
check book	168,874.44
United States Treasury	
Bills, verified	498,167.00 674,121.64
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	\$979,256.22

Merrimack Valley National Bank, Haverhill

Balance March 25, 1958, per statement	\$ 7,107.88
Balance March 25, 1958, per check book	\$ 7,080.20
Outstanding checks March 25, 1958,	
per list	27.68
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	\$ 7,107.88

RECONCILIATION OF BOND AND COUPON ACCOUNT**Second Bank - State Street Trust Company**

Balance March 25, 1958, per statement	\$ 2,423.75
Payments in advance of maturity:	
Coupons,	\$ 1,017.50
Outstanding March 25, 1958, per list:	
Coupons,	1,406.25
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	\$ 2,423.75

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**Federal Taxes**

Deductions April 13 to Dec. 31, 1957	\$ 90.00
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Payments to Director of Internal Revenue	
April 13 to December 31, 1957	\$ 90.00
Deductions January 1 to March 25, 1958	\$ 23.80
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Balance March 25, 1958 per list	\$ 23.80

Teachers' Retirement System

Deductions April 13 to December 31, 1957	\$ 18.72
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Payments to Teachers' Retirement Board	
April 13 to December 31, 1957	\$ 18.72
Deductions January 1 to March 25, 1958	\$ 4.16
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Payments to Teachers' Retirement Board	
January 1 to March 25, 1958	\$ 4.16

County Retirement System

Deductions April 13 to December 31, 1957	\$ 12.48
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Payments to County Treasurer April 13 to	
December 31, 1957	\$ 12.48
Deductions January 1 to March 25, 1958	\$ 6.66
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Payments to County Treasurer January 1 to	
March 25, 1958	\$ 6.66

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

Outstanding April 13, 1957:

Groveland,	\$ 13,271.01
Merrimac,	16,563.22
West Newbury,	11,954.27
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	\$ 41,788.50

Payments to Treasurer April 13 to
December 31, 1957 \$ 41,788.50

Assessments January 1 to March 25, 1958:

Groveland,	\$ 67,299.74
Merrimac,	78,219.12
West Newbury,	54,481.14
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	\$200,000.00

Outstanding March 25, 1958:

Groveland,	\$ 67,299.74
Merrimac,	78,219.12
West Newbury	54,481.14
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	\$200,000.00

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet - March 25, 1958

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets	Liabilities and Reserves
Cash	\$674,121.64
Accounts Receivable:	Payroll Deductions: \$ 23.80
Town Assessments:	Federal Taxes
Groveland, \$ 67,299.74	Appropriation Balances:
Merrimac, 78,219.12	Revenue \$258,594.26
West Newbury, 54,481.14	Non-Revenue 512,618.97
Estimated Receipts - To be collected	\$771,213.23
	\$200,000.00
	\$ 98,959.61
	\$1,070,196.64
	DEBT ACCOUNTS
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	Serial Loans: \$1,900,000.00
	School Construction

**PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
RECONCILIATION OF CASH**

Cash Balance January 1, 1958 \$975,296.60

Receipts

Assessments to the Towns	\$200,000.00
Interest Income on U. S. Treasury	
Bills	6,124.00
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursements	60,612.50
Payroll Deductions	14,165.40
School Lunch Program Fund	13,783.56
Athletic Program Fund	299.88
Rent	25.00
Donations	165.00
Tuition	1,165.92
Refunds	33.63
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	\$1

Expenditures

Operating and Maintenance	\$149,633.42
Construction	719,353.77
Amortization - Debt & Interest	174,637.50
Payroll Deduction Payments	14,165.40
School Lunch Program Fund	16,718.88
Athletic Program Fund	223.54
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	\$1,074,732.51
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Cash Balance December 31, 1958	\$196,938.98

Receipts

Town Assessments:

Groveland	\$ 67,299.74
Merrimac	78,219.12
West Newbury	54,481.14
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	\$200,000.00

Interest Income on U. S. Treasury Bills	6,124.00
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursement for Construction Costs	60,612.50

Payroll Deductions:

Federal Withholding Tax Fund	\$ 9,222.69
Teachers' Retirement Fund	3,010.80
Essex County Retirement Fund	833.41
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	1,098.50
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	\$ 14,165.40

School Lunch Program Fund:

Receipts from Lunches	13,783.56
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Athletic Program Fund:

Sale of Tickets	299.88
Rental of Cafeteria	25.00
Donations for Brochure	165.00
Tuition Payments	1,165.92
Refund on Insurance Policies	33.63
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Total Receipts for Year Ended

December 31, 1958	\$296,374.49
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Expenditures

Operating and Maintenance:

GENERAL CONTROL:

School Committee Expense	\$ 170.95
Superintendent's Salary	666.60

Treasurer's Salary	499.92
Accountant's Salary	300.00
Secretarial Service	1,264.93
Supervisors of Attendance	30.00
Postage, Printing and Office Supplies	1,317.04
Telephone	110.33
Travel (incl. Out-of State)	245.65
Other Expenses	248.18
Treasurer's Supplies	67.36

	\$ 4,920.96

INSTRUCTION:

Administrator's Salaries	\$ 7,563.39
Administrators' Travel	115.94
Teachers' Salaries	49,997.12
Substitutes	268.00
In-Service Education	160.19
Association Memberships	36.00
Clerical	2,579.91
Postage, Forms, Printing	1,774.58
Textbooks	13,425.78
General Supplies	5,747.63
Homemaking Supplies	286.38
Science Supplies	3,268.51
Guidance Supplies	16.05
Industrial Art Supplies	6,936.03
Audio-Visual Supplies	1,410.80
Art Supplies	1,847.47
Music Supplies	233.48

	\$ 95,667.26

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

Janitors' Salaries	\$ 7,249.16
Telephone	477.28

Janitors' Supplies	3,277.15
Fuel	4,468.99
Electricity	2,972.69
Insurance -	
Workmen's Compensation	572.15
Insurance - Building	2,678.00
Water	8.00
Gas	324.79
Trucking	8.00

	\$ 22,036.21

MAINTENANCE:

Upkeep of Grounds	\$ 692.10
Snow Removal	92.00

	\$ 784.10

AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Library	\$ 831.59
School Physician	650.00
School Nurse	756.50
Health Supplies	208.79

	\$ 2,446.88

NON-CLASSIFIED:

Athletics	\$ 1,972.33
Assessments - Essex Co.	
Retirement Fund	38.76
Auditing	213.50
Treasurer's Bond	183.00
Transportation - Athletics	421.75

	\$ 2,829.34

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Equipment: Piano, Band Equipment, Audio-Visual, Homemaking, Science, etc.	\$ 20,948.67
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CONSTRUCTION:

General Contractor	\$436,737.80
Sub Contractors	61,199.08
Architect's Fees	31,837.43
Equipment	177,189.05
Equipment Consultant's Fees	3,916.66
Clerk of Works' Salary	6,630.00
Legal Fees	150.00
Advertising for Bids	167.92
Printing Bid Specifications	64.89
Insurance	1,377.99
Postage	25.95
Labor	21.00
	—————\$719,353.77

AMORTIZATION:

Payment of Principal	\$101,000.00
Payment of Interest on Bonds	73,637.50
	—————\$174,637.50

PAYROLL DEDUCTION PAYMENTS:

Federal Withholding Tax Fund	\$ 9,222.69
Teachers' Retirement Fund	3,010.80
Essex County Retirement Fund	833.41
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	1,098.50
	—————\$ 14,165.40

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND:

Salaries	\$ 4,362.40
Food	11,735.56
Other	620.92
	—————\$ 16,718.88

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND:

Referees, Police	\$ 108.00
Other	115.54
	—————\$ 223.54

Total Expenditures for Year Ended
December 31, 1958 \$1,074,732.51

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1958

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:	
General	\$196,938.98
Petty Cash:	
Principal of School	50.00

Total Assets	\$196,988.98

Liabilities

Revolving Funds:	
School Construction	\$ 27,277.22
School Lunch Program Fund	64.68
School Athletic Program Fund	76.34
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	50.00
Surplus Revenue	169,520.74

Total Liabilities	\$196,988.98

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$1,849,000.00	

\$1,849,000.00	

School Construction Loans:	
October 1, 1955	\$ 69,000.00
January 15, 1957	950,000.00
December 1, 1957	830,000.00

\$1,849,000.00	

SYDNEY A. O'NEILL, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

January 13, 1959

At the Annual Town Meeting on March 3, 1958 a vote of the people established a School Building Needs Committee to study and report on the future elementary school housing needs. We submit the following report based upon certain facts and considered opinions.

First we established the elementary housing needs as shown on the projected enrollment chart.

Even a cursory examination of the local birth rate and the constantly increasing school enrollment shows that some measures will have to be taken immediately to ameliorate the situation.

Present Facilities

The Merrimac Elementary School has twelve usable classrooms constructed specifically for instructional purposes. In addition, the School Committee has provided a folding partition in the all-purpose room which is now used by two classrooms of children. The shower areas, of which there are two, may seem to offer two additional classrooms. However, these areas, being substantially below ground level, will not be passed for inspection by the Department of Public Safety even if they were completely redone for school purposes. Moreover, any substantial alteration would be expensive and would prevent the future use of these facilities for the purposes intended.

What of the former high school building? This Committee feels that the rehabilitation of the high school building would be unsound, uneconomical and inimical to the interests of a sound education. The details of this decision will be completely presented toward the end of this report.

Year	Births No.	School Year	GRADES						Total 1-6	% Born in town	
			1	2	3	4	5	6			
1942	29	1948	66	44	49	40	35	45	279		
1943	43	1949	61	63	40	51	31	35	281		
1944	28	1950	43	64	58	43	56	36	300		
1945	32	1951	57	41	56	61	51	50	316		
1946	45	1952	69	51	41	56	60	46	323		
1947	62	1953	74	59	48	50	54	60	345	69%	
1948	50	1954	69	67	54	39	51	47	327	80%	
1949	63	1955	75	56	64	50	40	58	333	84%	
1950	48	1956	75	60	63	67	54	37	356	84%	
1951	44	1957	71	60	68	62	66	54	381	82%	
1952	64	1958	79	70	73	67	60	63	412	81%	
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†1953	61	1959	94	71	69	74	68	59	435		
1954	49	1960	76	84	69	70	75	67	441		
1955	51	1961	79	67	82	70	71	74	443		
1956	77	1962	119	70	66	84	71	70	480		
1957	80	1963	124	106	69	67	85	70	521		
*1958	62	1964	96	110	104	70	68	83	531		
*1959	61	1965	94	85	108	106	71	67	531		
*1960	60	1966	93	83	83	110	107	70	546		
*1961	59	1967	91	83	81	85	112	106	558		
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Figures above broken line = actual figures.

Figures below broken line = projected figures

*=decline in births estimated at 1% of last five year average.

†Births from 1953 to 1957 Averaged 63.

From the above projection and examination of our present facilities, this Committee concludes that constructive and positive action is warranted immediately by this Town.

Alternatives

This Committee has investigated the many alternatives open to the townspeople. A quick resume shows these possibilities:

1. The construction of a six-room addition to the present elementary school.
2. A separate six-room building with additional facilities in another growing area of this town.
3. Platooning grades as needed.
4. Conducting a year-round school.
5. The rehabilitation of the old high school building.
6. Dividing the already divided all-purpose room again, making two additional classrooms and adding a cafeteria and two extra classrooms.

This Committee has investigated the various possibilities mentioned above and will therefore present the issues relative to each of the six suggestions.

1. Alternative One is the construction of a six-room addition to the present building and any additional facilities that may be needed. Background: This building was originally planned to contain four additional classrooms. These classrooms were omitted because the originally proposed building could not be built by the funds available at that time. Provisions were incorporated for an addition on the south side of the building at a later date when the need was more pressing (the time has come). The boiler room was constructed to permit the inclusion of an additional boiler should classrooms be added at some future time. The filter bed was also constructed with a possible future addition in mind. The construction of such an addition would permit the present all-purpose room to continue as a lunch room and serve as a community and recreation center, which is vitally needed in this town.

2. The second alternative is to construct a separate six-room addition with other facilities in a populated and growing section of Merrimac. This project, if approved by the School Building Assistance Commission, would be 50% reimbursable including all equipment, whereas an addition would be reimbursed the same amount for facilities outside the present building only. For example, the new boiler and such duct work as would be needed would not be reimbursed at all in the present building. Some advantages to this plan are: children would be near their homes; bus transportation would be eliminated for many if not all the children near the school; and a separate local community center would be provided.

The disadvantages to such a plan would be: a possible higher original cost (though not necessarily); separate cafeteria facilities or at least transporting prepared food from the present cafeteria; site costs; sewer costs; and some administrative problems.

3. Alternate three would call for platooning as needed. Placing of various grade levels has already been tried on several levels in Merrimac and elsewhere and always found wanting. It would appear that by 1963 at least 12 classes would be platooned. Six classes might continue the present full day schedules, while six classes would attend morning sessions, say from 7:30 A. M. to 12:00 noon, while six other classes would attend school from 12:30 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

The effect of such a proposal would shorten an already short day; it would part the no-shift automobile before the two-shift school; it would further disrupt family life which all social agencies consider disrupted excessively at the present; it would revive the three-trip bus schedules, thereby vastly increasing transportation costs;

it would cheat your children of the best education which, heaven knows, we need so badly today. Moreover, platooning never was and never will be a permanent solution to a most difficult problem.

4. Alternate four is the operation of the elementary school on a year-round basis. We mention this proposal to you, not because we can justify such a program, but to show its weaknesses.

There are local individuals who have probably heard glowing reports of the Year-Around Operation of Schools, instead of the present ten-month operation. To this proposal, it would be easy to say that every school system in the United States during the last 35 years that tried this plan has abandoned it, and let it go at that. However, this might not satisfy some skeptics and therefore a full report is being made here.

On paper it might look easy to apply a simple formula; let us say that 75% of all the children would be in school all the time and 25% would be on vacation all the time. Theoretically, one-fourth less capacity is therefore needed. The illustration below shows its possibilities for the Merrimac Elementary School.

Using the 12 classrooms in the school plus the two made-over gymnasium classrooms gives us 14 classrooms of the minimum of 18 regular classrooms projected for 1963 and thereafter. A simple plan for the twelve-month operation follows:

How It Works For 540 Students

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Grade One	Grade One	Grade One	Vacation
3 classes	3 classes	3 classes	
Grade Two	Grade Two	Vacation	Grade Two
3 classes	3 classes		3 classes

Grade Three	Vacation	Grade Three	Grade Three
3 classes		3 classes	3 classes
Vacation	Grade Four	Grade Four	Grade Four
	3 classes	3 classes	3 classes

We now have 9 classrooms out of fourteen in full-time use, but have lost the use of the all-purpose room. There are still 5 classrooms left for 6 sections.

Grade Five	Grade Five	Grade Five	Vacation
3 classes	3 classes	3 classes	

The fifth grade occupies 3 of the 5 classrooms left, and this leaves the three sixth grades to be educated.

Grade Six	Grade Six	Grade Six	Grade Six
Sect. 1 & 2	Sect. 1 & 3	Sect. 2 & 3	Sect. 1, 2 & 3
Vacation	Vacation	Vacation	
Sect. 3	Sect. 2	Sect. 1	

Obviously, since there are only 14 classrooms in session, only fourteen teachers would be necessary at any one time. Since, however, teachers will have their duties increased approximately one-third, a commensurate salary increase would be effected. Therefore the savings in salaries would be negligible.

Now again theoretically if the plan above is to work, the grades would have to be divided into somewhat equal size or teach several grade levels which, although possible, is not conducive to many instructional areas.

Additional drawbacks must be noted.

1. Since the 12-month plan operates by quarters, at least four registrations will be necessary.

2. It is impossible to give uniform teaching loads to teachers because of the changes in class sizes, although this is somewhat true even now.

3. Transportation costs on a four-quarter basis are increased because the density of the population is affected.

4. To get the same quality of instructional service would require air-conditioning the building. Although this is not practical, failure to do so means a loss in the quality of education.

5. Repairs and thorough cleaning are hampered by such programs.

6. The four-quarter plan splits families — a condition already too excessive according to social agencies.

7. Pre-school and post-school planning is abandoned or less comprehensively done.

Such a program would give each child a three-month vacation annually, but other children would be in school for nine months without days off except for weekends. It would mean, if the above program was adopted, that children in Grade four would have to go nine months in Grade four and nine additional months in Grade five without a vacation, or for one and one-half years with no break except weekends.

We do not recommend the Year-Around School, but this is a matter for the people to decide.

5. Rehabilitation of the High School Building:— This Committee has experienced great difficulty in trying to get the State Building Inspector to even visit the school for a careful evaluation. Nevertheless, it is an established fact that the following repairs or alterations must be included in any rehabilitation program:

1. The installation of a new heating-ventilating system according to state health regulations.
2. Repair, recondition or replace the stairs which present a safety hazard.

3. Rehabilitation of the completely inadequate cellar toilets.
4. Installation of fire escapes from the second floor.
5. Repair present windows and sash and install storm windows in order to keep heat within the building.
6. Repair or re-install all floors.
7. Replace or repair blackboards, install tackboard.
8. Provide storage spaces.
9. Repair plaster walls and ceilings.
10. Paint the entire building on the inside.
11. Paint the entire building on the outside.
12. Furnish proper furniture.
13. Replace inadequate plumbing; install additional plumbing and sinks.

Any program of rehabilitation would have to be completely paid for by the Town of Merrimac, since there is no school Building Assistance from the State for old buildings. But unless all the inside walls were torn out and the entire interior redone, there still would be only four classrooms available, whereas six are needed.

Other considerations also militate against such a plan. Although this building might be used, there are leaks in the roof which permit discoloration of the ceilings and walls, the safety of our children is endangered, school lunch facilities would be available only at the Elementary School, and the building is expensive to maintain.

In regard to this building this Committee feels that today's skimping will be tomorrow's expense in upkeep and maintenance. We point out that the question is not one of spending as little as possible, but getting value for anything spent. In addition we must consider safety, flexibility, convenience, and educational efficiency.

6. The last consideration — again dividing the all-purpose room and adding new facilities — would not be a sound investment in view of the costs involved. And certainly this arrangement has nothing in its educational favor.

The Building Needs Survey Committee recommends that the Town of Merrimac take immediate action to carry out either of the first two proposals of this Committee — to add such additional facilities to the present elementary school as may be needed to house our children or build a separate building.

We submit the need is present; the alternatives have been explored and found wanting.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold W. Spofford, Chairman

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SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

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